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Thatcher hope of arms deal by end of year

Praise for Gorbachov in Soviet TV broadcast

From Robin Oakley, Political Editor, Moscow

Mrs Thatcher predicted in Moscow yesterday that a deal clearing Europe of intermediate nuclear weapons could be concluded by the end of the year. She also held out hopes that a follow-up deal between the United States and the Soviet Union banning chemical weapons could follow.

Speaking at a press conference and in a half-hour interview on Soviet television, however, Mrs Thatcher did warn of the difficulties in verifying an arms deal, but she declared that she was "generally encouraged" by her talks with Mr Gorbachov on arms control.

On chemical weapons, she said Mr Gorbachov had made it clear that the Soviet Union would "broadly accept" proposals made by Britain on verification. The hold-up there, she hinted, was in the American attitude to verification schemes.

She suggested at the press conference that her main disagreements with Mr Gorbachov on arms control were over Britain's belief that the West should have a right to match the Soviet shorter-range systems in which the Russians have a 9-1 superiority. She said: "I made it clear that we were not prepared to accept the denuclearization of Europe."

At one stage of her press conference Mrs Thatcher was questioned on verification by a lieutenant-colonel in Soviet Army uniform representing the *Red Star* newspaper. She rounded on him fiercely, declaring: "Intermediate nuclear weapons were first deployed by the Soviet Union. The SS 20 appeared without warning on Soviet soil. We saw it. We saw mounting deployment. We asked you not to station it. We decided that if you continued not only to station it, but to increase it, we in Nato would have to deploy cruise and Pershing."

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In her TV interview, broadcast to as many of the 250 million Soviet citizens with access to a set who cared to tune in, Mrs Thatcher seized the opportunity to tell them something that most would never have heard — that it was the Soviet Union which had first brought intermediate nuclear weapons into Europe by stationing her SS 20s.

But she told Soviet viewers: "You want peace. I want peace" — and each country had to defend itself in order to keep the peace.

Mrs Thatcher said that she had loved every minute of her visit. "I don't think that there has ever been such a thorough discussion between two leaders."

She told the Soviet audience: "We want to know you better. We need to know more about you. You should travel more frequently to us."

On the final day in Moscow of her Soviet trip — she flies to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi today — Mrs Thatcher said that it had been one of the most fascinating and invigorating visits she had ever made abroad.

She praised Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost* policy in her warmest terms yet and said that she could never remember spending as much time in discussion with another world leader. "We were able to do a lot of business yesterday."

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and his Soviet opposite number, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, yesterday signed four accords designed to improve Anglo-Soviet co-operation and Mrs Thatcher said that she had made an agreement with Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, that trade between the two countries should be stepped up by some £500 million a year.

Reform pledge for Jews

Russia to free thousands

From Christopher Thomas, Washington and Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Senior Soviet officials have told Western Jewish leaders that Moscow will let thousands of Jews emigrate to Israel this year on flights to Tel Aviv via Romania, and that Jewish religious and cultural freedom will be increased substantially for those who stay in the Soviet Union.

The assurances were given to Mr Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Mr Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the World Jewish Congress, by several high-ranking Communist Party and Soviet Government officials during three days of talks in Moscow last week.

They were told that all Jewish religious books would be allowed into the country, and that a kosher restaurant would be permitted in Moscow, as would the ritual slaughtering of meat.

Jewish officials in Washington said that synagogues would be opened at all sites where a need could be demonstrated. They were told that Soviet rabbis may have training, even in the US, and that the ban on Hebrew teaching as "illegal religious instruction" would be reviewed, as would restrictions on other religous groups.

It is understood that in return the US would again grant the Soviet Union the "most favoured trading nation" status.

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Large-scale Jewish emigration ended in 1980. Mr Abram said he expected that nearly all the estimated 11,000 long-term "refuseniks" would be allowed to leave within the year.

The new flight to Tel Aviv will satisfy a long-standing Israeli request that Jewish emigrés from the Soviet Union should be taken directly to Israel.

As a result they will lose the option of claiming refugee status in the US and other Western countries.

The Reagan Administration and many US Jewish leaders had opposed steps to coerce Soviet Jews to go to Israel. Yesterday, however, several American Jewish leaders conceded that an agreement to let thousands of Jews leave was worth some limits on where they go.

From Israel, they could apply to settle in the US, although they would then be counted against a quota for Israeli citizens. There is already a long waiting list. In recent years, 90 per cent of Jews granted exit visas from the Soviet Union have chosen to live in countries other than Israel.

Mr Yuri Shtern, the spokesman for the main Soviet Jewry lobby group in Jerusalem, said yesterday that the proposals put to Mr Bronfman involved the release of all non-security-risk "refuseniks". Those considered a security risk would have the right to appeal.

Mr Shtern believed this arrangement would trap the other Soviet Jews who wanted to leave the country and who had never dared or been able to apply for exit visas.

His centre is now hearing of more and more cases of Jewish families who have been refused the right to apply for a visa because, under new legislation brought in this year, only those with close family living abroad can apply.

Mr Shtern said a deal which might allow up to 10,000 "refuseniks" a year to leave would be "suicidal" for the Jewish nation, which was likely to find great difficulty in absorbing them quickly.

Mrs Thatcher talki[illegible]g yesterday with the human rights campaigners, Dr Andrei Sak[illegible] [illegible]d his wife Yelena Bonner

Ship toll may be 200, says company

By David Sapsted

Townsend Thoresen conceded for the first time yesterday that it could have seriously underestimated the death toll in the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster.

The company admitted that the final tally could be nearer 200 than the figure of 134 on which it has so far insisted.

Mr Dick Martin, the company's managing director in Belgium, said in Zeebrugge that almost twice as many bodies may still be aboard the capsized ferry than it had claimed.

His admission caused embarrassment at Townsend Thoresen's London headquarters, where there had been no plans to budge from the original estimate.

Mr Martin told a press conference there could have been double-counting of survivors in the immediate aftermath of the March 6 disaster. He said that a list of fatalities compiled by Kent police was "likely to have more credence" than the company's own.

He said: "Our original figure of 409 survivors was compiled from lists made up by my employees who are Belgian nationals.

"In Belgium, married women are known by their maiden names, so there was some duplication. We did not realize this existed until we were well into the first week of the operation."

He added that an exact death toll may never be known as some bodies may have drifted away from the vessel, but Townsend Thoresen continues to maintain the accuracy of its estimate that a total of 543 passengers and crew was on board at the time of the disaster.

According to Kent's "checked and rechecked" estimates, there are 350 survivors with 133 missing. The ferry company currently lists 409

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● **The £12,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — three times the usual amount as there had been no winner for the previous two days — was won yesterday by Mr P.A.B.Hearne, of Redland, Bristol. Details, page 3.**
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British businessmen also signed contracts for £93 million worth of business, with a letter of intent for another £250-million deal.

The practical results of Mrs Thatcher's Moscow visit were spelled out yesterday in four formal accords signed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, in the Kremlin.

No emergency use has been made of the present hotline since it was established in August, 1967, though it is [illegible]sted regularly. The new [illegible]reement will provide for a [illegible]t-transmission facsimile [illegible]k to send maps, photo[illegible]phs and diagrams in about [illegible]ree minutes. At present only [illegible]xt can be transmitted.

The exchange on embassy sites will provide cost-free sites for both Britain and the Soviet Union to develop new embassies and offices in each other's capitals. A later agreement will cover constructio[illegible] and lease terms.

The lease on the pre[illegible] British Embassy, which [illegible] been held since the 1930s, [illegible] out some time ago and has been extended on a short-term basis. A new embassy, commercial centre and 40 staff flats will be built by Soviet contractors on the Smol-

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50,000 jobs in docks deal

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The redevelopment of 700 acres of derelict l[illegible]d around the Royal Dockya[illegible]s in East End of London w[illegible] approved last night by M[illegible] Nicholas Ridley, Secretary [illegible] tate for the Environment.

It will be t[illegible] biggest redevelopment s[illegible] the south of England [illegible] the largest development [illegible] Europe. Nearly 50.[illegible] are expected to be [illegible]ed, most in construction.

The length of the land encompassed is equivalent to that between Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge.

The London Docklands Development Corporation's plan envisages the building of [illegible],000 homes, 1.6 million square feet of office space and a high-technology industrial and science park.

There will also be a 25,000-seat sports stadium, a shopping centre half as big again as Brent Cross, a marina, a museum, an exhibition centre, a leisure complex, including a theatre and cinema, and an exhibition centre.

An international rowing course is planned along the length of the Royal Albert Dock.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for transport, announced simultaneously the Government's support for a 7.7-kilometre extension to the Docklands Light Railway from Poplar in the West to Beckton in the East to provide "the essential public transport links".

The £140 million extension will be financed through the sale of land owned by the docklands corporation and will also provide transport to Stolport, the new airport for the City, which is in the centre of the land to be redeveloped.

At the eastern end will be the planned East London river crossing across the Thames.

The Government will invest an initial £446 million for infrastructure as a pump priming exercise in the redevelopment project, but expects to recoup much of that when the development is complete.

The private sector is expected to invest about £2.1 billion and a number of building consortia are in discussion with the corporation about multi-million pound proposals.

Mr Ridley described the project as "an extremely good news story showing how public pump priming can bring in very large amounts of private capital".

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Construction and Urban Affairs, said: "This is without doubt the largest and most exciting redevelopment project in the Western

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[illegible]inancial markets calm after trade war fear

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Financial markets were nervously steady yesterday, after the sharp falls on Monday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the US Treasury Secretary attempted to calm markets by stressing their opposition to protectionism.

Share prices fell in London but the decline was limited after Monday's record falls. The FT 30 share index fell by 5.1 points to 1,577.1, while the wider FT-SE 100 index dropped by 4.9 points to 1,997.6.

Wall S[illegible]reet showed a small reco[illegible]ery, rising 5 points by mid[illegible]ay. Currency and bond markets were also steadier.

In Washington, the US Treasury Secretary Mr James Baker and the President's trade representative Mr Clayton Yeutter, attempted to calm fears of a trade war.

Dealers said that yesterday's calm in the markets was not necessarily a sign that the crisis had passed.

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Kinnock rounds on Thatcher

'Moscow deadlock' attack

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The bitter political war of words over the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow and Mr Neil Kinnock's encounter with President Reagan intensified yesterday.

Mr Kinnock was baited by Conservative MPs in the Commons over the alleged failure of his mission to the United States.

But the Labour leader criticized sharply the way Mrs Thatcher had conducted her talks with Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and her failure to have a positive attitude towards the reduction of nuclear forces.

Speaking in West London, Mr Kinnock said it was obvious there had been little meeting of minds between the two leaders, and that little progress had been made on arms control.

He said: "It does appear that there is a certain deadlock, which is a shame given the progress that Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov have been able to make since Reykjavik towards the appraisal of strategic arms, working for a reduction there, and the possibility of a breakthrough on intermediate forces."

Mrs Thatcher had a role in encouraging those developments and if that was not the positive attitude being taken "then that would be a shame."

In the Commons Conservative MPs made a co-ordinated attempt to embarrass Mr Kinnock with a series of jokes about the length of the meeting and Mr Reagan's mistaking of Mr Denis Healey for the British ambassador.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons foreign affairs committee, said that when they were away Mr Kinnock spent his time abusing his own country

Mr Kinnock declined to respond.

£276m spending cut in Irish austerity budget

By Richard Ford

The Irish Republic Government yesterday introduced an austerity budget involving £Ir300 million (£276 million) public and capital spending cuts aimed at reducing borrowing which has crippled the nation's economy.

Measures included additional cuts to those proposed by the outgoing Fine Gael Government with the aim of reducing still further the current budget deficit and Exchequer borrowing requirements. Spending on education and health was cut but the Fianna Fail Government allowed for a small increase in expenditure on social welfare.

But a pay freeze is to operate from July for 187,000 public servants and no jobs will be filled in the public sector without the permission of the Minister for Finance.

Housing grant schemes and mortgage interest relief has been cut but there were no changes in income tax or increases in petrol,

Mr Ray MacSharry cut capital expenditure by Ir£60 million and set up a task force to collect up to Ir£600 million in tax arrears. The duty-free allowance for anyone leaving the Republic for less than 48 hours has been ended.

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Young to take on 'nuts and bolts' of election

By Nicholas Wood and Richard Evans

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, will be responsible for the "nuts and bolts" of running the Conservative Party's election campaign, it was disclosed yesterday.

He will remain in London as the anchor-man while Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Norman Tebbit, the party's chairman, are out campaigning. He has been charged with ensuring the smooth running of the Central Office machine.

Lord Young, who as a peer is spared the pressures and distractions of fighting a seat, has a long and successful track record in industry and is expected to bring his undoubted managerial skills to Mrs Thatcher's bid for a hat-trick of election victories. He will also play a prominent role on television during the campaign.

He has told his friends he is to be the "campaign underlord" and, on the vexed matter of how best to tackle the Alliance, is said to favour a more subtle and ironic approach to the confrontational tactics adopted by Mr Tebbit.

Inevitably, his appointment to the inner-circle of half a dozen senior Central Office figures planning the campaign is being interpreted in some quarters as a rebuff for Mr Tebbit, whose abrasive style is resented by ministers and backbenchers to the left of the party.

They are suggesting that Lord Young is now the Conservative Party's "campaign manager", directly responsible to the Prime Minister for election planning, strategy and operation.

These sources also claim that he will assume overall responsibility for Tory tactics towards the Alliance, switching the propaganda emphasis from one of outright assault and "personalized attacks" to "cheerful derision".

But yesterday highly placed Conservative Central Office sources dismissed this interpretation as a predictable, if mischievous, fancy, insisting that Mr Tebbit remains firmly in charge of the election campaign, answerable only to the Prime Minister.

They said that the Employment Secretary had no specific title among the *ad hoc* team planning the election, but he would act as a "consultant" advising on both its "shape and feel".

One commented: "David Young regards himself as being part of Norman's team and not a cuckoo in the nest."

Meanwhile, Central Office remains sensitive about backbench criticism of the tone of its attack on the Alliance.

Sources insisted yesterday that in spite of press reports to the contrary, the propaganda offensive had concentrated on policies and not personalities.

● A video on the Lib-Lab pact with a "hard-hitting" commentary by Mr Tebbit is being made available to Tory constituency associations.

NEWS SUMMARY

Boy dies after boxing collapse

The Amateur Boxing Association will examine a videotape of a charity fight today to try to find out how a boy aged 15 died after collapsing in a coma during his second tournament fight.

Joseph Stricklan, from Newsome, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was carried unconscious from the ring at Saddleworth last Friday only 52 seconds after the match had started. He died yesterday afternoon after an emergency operation at the neuro-surgical unit of North Manchester General Hospital.

The boy's father, Mr Joseph Stricklan, said he blamed no one for the accident. Mr Stricklan yesterday married Miss Carole Barker at Huddersfield Register Office. They had considered postponing the wedding but decided to go ahead. He then returned to the hospital to be with his son before he died.

Tax staff take offer

The Inland Revenue Staff Federation, one of the three Civil Service unions which balloted its members on the Treasury's final pay offer of 4.25 per cent, pulled out of the consortium yesterday after it became clear its members were in favour of acceptance.

Unlike the other two unions, the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, the IRSF balloted its members with two choices: take industrial action, or accept the offer and begin negotiations.

Victory for UDM

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers moved a step nearer to equal negotiating rights with the NUM yesterday when two High Court judges said British Coal had been misinterpreting the provisions of the Coal Industry Nationalization Act, 1946.

Since the breakaway union was formed during the miner's strike, the board had consulted it only about its 30,000 members who are mineworkers, wrongly refusing to recognize the UDM as representing a substantial proportion of clerical and weekly-paid workers.

Farewell to bishop

Thousands of people were expected at last night's farewell party for the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, who is retiring after 10 years as the Bishop of Birmingham.

The Birmingham diocese booked the arena hall of the National Exhibiton Centre for a special service of Holy Communion.

A choir of 300 rehearsed a new song by Mr Roger Jones, a Birmingham composer, for the farewell celebrations, which were organized by diocesan officials as a "thank you" to their bishop for his work over the past decade.

'Loony' ban sought

Labour-controlled Islington Borough Council is to seek a High Court injunction today to stop John Cleese from making remarks about "loony left" in party political broadcast tonight on behalf of the Social Democratic Party.

In the broadcast, which does not mention Islington by name, Mr Cleese appears as a stand-up comic and says: "Then there was the council who accused a five-year-old of reciting a racially offensive poem. You've got it.....Baa Baa Black Sheep." The council denied yesterday that it had banned the nursery rhyme.

Guinness case ruling

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, failed in the High Court yesterday to prevent Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, from using the same solicitors as him.

Mr Saunders argued that the firm of Denton Hall Burgin and Warrens could not act for Mr Roux as it was representing Mr Saunders in other matters.

Counsel for Denton Hall said the firm had already spent 1,500 hours advising Mr Roux on the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry and that progress would be delayed if he had to change solicitor at this stage.

Mr Justice Hoffmann ruled there was no conflict, partly because different partners were handling the men's cases.

April Fool

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1½ oz Cranberries (or any soft fruit), 4oz Castor Sugar, ½pt Double Cream, 4 oz of crushed Macaroons, 4 oz toasted Hazelnuts and 4 tbsp The Macallan Malt Whisky

METHOD

Purée the fruit with the sugar then chill. Whip the cream and fold in the fruit mixture. Now add The Macallan. Place the macaroons in the bottom of a wine goblet, cover with the fruit and cream mixture. Sprinkle chopped hazelnuts on top.

SERVES 4.

THE DIRECTORS of The Macallan felt they could not let April 1st pass without introducing a Fool that has been served to loud applause in the Directors' Dining Room.

Admittedly, there is a school of thought that considers it *lèse majesté* to sophisticate something that is already so intrinsically smooth as The Macallan; or to cloy a taste as celebratedly *'dry sweet'* as The Macallan's sumptuous *'sherry note.'*

But if you are of this persuasion, there is a perfectly simple course to take: the recipe, omitting the fruit, sugar, cream, nuts and macaroons.

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

Attack on health education council

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The new Health Education Authority, which takes over from the Health Education Council this morning, has come under renewed attack over its lack of educational representatives.

At the same time the old HEC has been accused by its former director of education of naivety in its advertising campaigns and its dealings with the Government.

While the former Health Education Council had four educationalists, including one health education officer and two school heads, the new body has neither a teacher nor a health education officer.

The only educationalist is a member of the Schools Curriculum Development Committee, Mrs Kate Wood.

Mrs Jesse Leighton, a former HEC council member, said: "There is a real risk of school health education being dropped.

"People who are remote from what is going on in school do not appreciate the needs of children."

Mrs Leighton, a headmistress, was speaking at the launch of a book by Mr Ian Sutherland, the former HEC director of education and training, which traces the council's history.

Mr Sutherland warned yesterday that the new HEA should learn from the mistakes made by the Health Education Council.

He gave one example of a contraceptive campaign launched on New Year's Eve 1970, depicting a Casanova wearing a condom.

Mr Sutherland said: "The advertisement caused a lot of hullabaloo. Neither the Secretary of State, nor the chairman of the council had been warned of the campaign."

Mr Sutherland also criticized the HEC's handling of its recent report *Health Divide*.

While refusing to openly criticise Dr David Player, the HEC former director general, Mr Sutherland said that after his arrival in October 1982 "Serious disagreements at management team meetings, once a rarity, became frequent and damaging."

● *Health education – half a policy. The rise and fall of the Health Education Council*; National Extension College, 18 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2HN; £12.95.

Wright's duty to be silent at heart of spy book appeal

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The judge in the MI5 spy book case was mistaken on three main counts when he allowed publication in Australia of the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, the Government said yesterday as it filed its appeal against the ruling.

A Downing Street statement says the Crown case "goes to the heart of the matter" by arguing that as a public servant Mr Wright owed and accepted a "lifelong duty of confidentiality" to his employers.

The Government's submission, to be considered initially by the Court of Appeal in New South Wales next Monday, contends that under the terms of a contract between the former agent and the Crown, he is not allowed to disclose information gained in the course of his work without official approval.

Even if such a contract were not in force, Mr Wright would be bound by an "equitable obligation of confidence and a fiduciary duty".

The Government will also argue that the material contained in his book *Spycatcher* remains confidential and that it is the only body with the power to release him from that constraint.

It contends that the fact that journalists and other outsiders have already disclosed information included in Mr Wright's memoirs is irrelevant to the matter.

Much of Mr Wright's book is devoted to attempting to prove that the late Sir Roger Hollis, his former boss, was a Soviet mole, a claim rejected by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

He also claims that MI5 set out in the 1970s to destabilize the government of Mr Harold Wilson, now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, defence counsel for Mr Wright and Heinemann, the book's Australian publisher, argued during last year's five-week hearing that the Government had already authorized, indeed engineered, publication of most of the former agent's claims for its own ends.

This was a reference to the Government's decision in 1981 not to seek to prevent publication of *Their Trade is Treachery* by Mr Chapman Pincher, the journalist, with Mr Wright's assistance.

Ministers regard the conduct of the case by the judge, Mr Justice Powell, and his judgement as idiosyncratic to the point of being perverse and eccentric. They are confident they can win under a different judge.

If, as expected, the New South Wales court allows the appeal to go ahead, the basis of which mirrors the original unsuccessful submission, it is not likely to be heard before the summer, and may be delayed until the autumn.

Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary and chief Crown witness, who was given an uncomfortable time by Mr Turnbull, may have to return to Australia.

Lawyer predicts victory for author

By David Sapsted

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the Australian lawyer who attracted worldwide attention with his flamboyant defence of Mr Wright's book, said yesterday that the Government's appeal would fail.

Mr Turnbull, who is visiting London this week, said that neither he nor Mr Wright was surprised by the Government's decision.

He added: "I am quite confident that, at the end of the day, the decision of Justice Powell will be upheld."

Mr Justice Powell cleared Mr Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, for publication in a New South Wales High Court ruling on March 13. Mr Turnbull said he would not be representing Mr Wright during the appeal. "I am starting up a merchant bank in Sydney and will be too involved with that."

PC Barry Hill (left) and PC Tony Day, both from Rochester Row police station in London, on new bicycles issued by the Metropolitan Police with the aim of improving policing in the capital's sprawling estates (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

The cycling policemen

By Ian Smith

A computerized health monitoring machine has been bought by a Chief Constable concerned at the stresses to which his officers are exposed.

After riding a static bicycle while wired up with sensors, officers can obtain a printout detailing blood pressure, heart rate and body weight.

For those scoring a poor result, the computer offers an individually tailored exercise programme.

Results of the tests are confidential to the patients, who can select swimming, cycling, walking or jogging to regain fitness.

The exercise bicycle has been introduced as police trials in London have shown that bicycles enable beat officers to respond to incidents more quickly, particularly on sprawling housing estates. They also found that bicycles made officers more accessible to the public.

The Metropolitan Police have bought 200 new bicycles, including some folding models.

Journalist cleared over lost secrets

A journalist who lost classified information from a police source was cleared yesterday of contravening the Official Secrets Act by having the documents in the first place.

The documents, related to the M4 rapist John Steed, were left in an envelope in a hotel bar where Mr John Lee, a crime reporter, had been drinking with other journalists the night before.

Mr Lee telephoned the hotel the following day, but staff, instructed by police, took his name and number and passed the information to police. Mr Lee was arrested three months later at his home in St Peter's Square, Croydon, Surrey.

Mr Lee was acquited on the direction of the judge half way through the trial. His counsel, Mr Julian Bevan, submitted there was no evidence to show that Mr Lee had knowledge of the Official Secrets Act when the documents were alleged to have been communicated to him.

Mr David Paget, for the prosecution, said at the trial in Croydon Crown Court that the person who had passed on the information to Mr Lee had never been traced. "Senior officers quickly became involved when the highly confidential nature of the information was realized."

The photocopied documents give details of the rapist's previous convictions and antecedents.

The rapist, Steed, was held in November 1985 and subsequently jailed for murdering a prostitute and a series of sex attacks in the Home Counties.

Mr Lee, who is a chief reporter with the *Croydon Advertiser* group and who specializes in crime, left the documents in the bar of the Selsdon Park Hotel in January 1986.

He had denied a charge of receiving documents in contravention of the Official Secrets Act of 1911.

● Department of Trade inspectors, investigating a multi-million pound insider dealing ring, failed yesterday in a High Court application to force a financial journalist to reveal his sources for two articles on take-over bids.

Mr Justice Hoffmann said: "I consider that the public interest in the protection of sources outweighs the value of disclosure for the purposes of the investigations".

He said Mr Jeremy Warner, business correspondent with *The Independent*, was prepared to face punishment by the court rather than reveal his sources.

The judge said: "Mr Warner's evidence may provide useful jigsaw pieces to fit into the picture which the inspectors are constructing, but it has not been shown to be the key to the puzzle".

The DTI is considering an appeal against the ruling.

The two inspectors, Mr John Lindsay, QC and Mr Peter Crozier, were appointed last year to investigate suspected breaches of insider dealing rules by civil servants within the DTI, the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

During a two-day court hearing last week, they revealed that they knew the identity of one civil servant feeding inside information to a ring which had traded in shares worth more than £10 million.

They believed the sources for Mr Warner's articleslast October would confirm their evidence on the first ring or support evidence of a second ring using "unpublished price-sensitive" material from another civil servant.

Stowaway dies

Nantes (AFP) – The body of a Ghanaian stowaway, believed killed by shifting cargo, was found in the Singapore-registered freighter, Nordholm, in this western French port, authorities said.

Deputies may stop new mine

By Roland Rudd

The national secretary of the pit deputies' union, Nacods, accused British Coal yesterday of breaking the law by refusing to negotiate with the national unions over plans to implement six-day week coal production at Margam.

Unless Nacods agrees to work the new six-day week, which includes eight-hourshifts, British Coal will not be able to proceed with proposals to construct the new £90 million mine in Margam, which could create nearly 1,500 jobs.

The board has refused to discuss changes in working practice with Nacods at national level and the union's national secretary, Mr Peter McNestry, says that any attempts to introduce longer shifts without the agreement of the national union would breach the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908.

His accusation came hours before Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, approved the new scheme with a warning that the project would not go ahead unless all the unions agreed.

The South Wales miners recently rebuffed their national president, Mr Arthur Scargill, by entering local negotiations with the coal board.

● British Coal will take Nacods to the National Reference Tribunal today over its refusal to work longer shifts at the weekend.

Nacods members at present work weekend shifts of six hours, which the Coal Board wants to extend to eight.

● Collieries in Staffordshire and Warwickshire will stop work this month because of a one-day strike. NUM members voted narrowly to take this action yesterday in support of colleagues dismissed for misconduct during the 1985 pit strike.

Elections ordered for islands

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Internal self-government is to be restored to the Turks and Caicos Islands next year under an anti-corruption package of reforms including sweeping constitutional changes and new elections, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, said in a Commons statement that the new measures would prevent a recurrence of the abuses that led to ministerial government being suspended last July.

An interim administration was set up in the Caribbean dependency after a series of drug and corruption scandals.

Mr Eggar said the constitutional commission headed by Sir Roy Marshall "made clear that patronage and malpractice had existed under recent governments" in the islands.

The constitutional changes would provide a "framework for fair and effective administration and the proper use of taxpayer's money" and elections would be held in April or May of 1988.

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Liberals revamp education

Liverpool's caretaker Liberal administration yesterday unveiled its plans for education in the city.

The Liberals propose abolishing the catchment area system, where parents have to send their children to the nearest school in the neighbourhood.

They also plan to guarantee school education for children as young as four, if their parents wish.

Other proposals include taking on 100 new primary and secondary school teachers, spending £100,000 on computers in schools and employing four special advisors to co-ordinate the work of remedial classes.

The plans, to take affect from September, were announced by Mr Mike Storey, education committee chairman. They were approved at an education committee meeting in spite of opposition claims that the plans were electioneering.

Mr Storey said the most important people in any education issue were the parents. "They must have the right to choose where to send their children."

£100m Honda plant for UK

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Honda is expected to decide on proposals to build a £100 million-plus car-engine plant in Britain within weeks. The go-ahead hinges on talks between the Rover Group and Honda understood to be planned for the end of April.

The two sides are expected to finalize a manufacturing agreement for a new, jointly-designed and developed mid-size car codenamed AR8. This car is due for launch in late 1989, and AR8 derivatives will replace the Austin Maestro and Rover 200 models.

If Honda goes ahead with the proposed engine plant at its existing 350-acre Swindon site, it is likely to build 1.5 and 1.6 litre engines which will power not only Honda versions of AR8 but also replace Austin-Rover's existing 1.6S series engines.

It is understood that a large area at the Swindon site has been levelled in preparation for the building of the proposed engine plant.

Although Honda is understood to have declined offers from the British Government to take a stake in Austin-Rover, building the engine plant would firmly wed the future of the Japanese company to Austin-Rover.

The engine facility would represent a huge vote of confidence by Honda in Austin-Rover. The Longbridge and Cowley plants would start to build large numbers of cars under contract for Honda to make the new plant viable.

The new plant would also thwart the sale of Austin-Rover to rival carmakers because its model range, with the exception of the Metro, would be firmly tied to Honda.

All the British Hondas – 11,000 are planned for production this year – are undergoing a severe additional quality inspection at the Swindon inspection plant. Honda chiefs are putting a brave face on what they call "teething troubles", but considerable rectification work has been necessary on some cars.

Lawyers face trial deadlines

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Statutory limits on the time defendants can be held in custody before trial come into force today in an experiment in parts of England and Wales.

The limits are being introduced under the Prosecution of Offences Act, 1987, to tackle the backlog of cases. The Government estimates that 10 to 15 per cent of cases will fail to meet the deadlines.

The limits are intended to give lawyers an incentive to proceed as speedily as practicable and to "curbing the worst delays". The limits are expected eventually to apply to the whole of England and Wales.

A defendant will be released on bail where lawyers fail without reasonable excuse to meet the deadline for bringing a case to trial, but the proceedings will still go ahead. In Scotland, cases which fail to meet the statutory deadline are struck off the lists.

The limits are being tested initially in Avon and Somerset, Kent and the West Midlands, and will apply to defendants awaiting summary trial or committal in magistrates' courts and to those awaiting trial at the crown court.

The limit between the accused's first appearance and summary trial is 56 days, or 70 days in the case of a committal hearing. A longer time limit of 98 days has been set for the West Midlands

In the crown court at Birmingham, Bristol and Maidstone, the limit between committal and trial is 112 days.

In Scotland the statutory time limit is 110 days, which runs from seven days after arrest. That makes a total limit of 117 days from arrest to trial, compared with the longer limit in England and Wales of 70 plus 112 days.

Courts will have power to grant the prosecution an extension of time if satisfied there is good reason.

Wapping case man acquitted

A former employee of News International was acquitted of using threatening behaviour during the Wapping dispute when he appeared before Wells Street magistrates court, central London, yesterday.

Thomas Hennessy, aged 51, of Abbotts Road, Cheam, south London, denied committing the offence outside the east London plant on the first anniversary of the company's move there.

How the Sunflowers faded away from Britain

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The identity of the bidder who paid £24,750,000 for Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" at Christie's was still unknown yesterday..

Mr Stavros Niarchos, the Greek ship owner, was widely backed, while other possibilities were the Sultan of Brunei, Mr Norton Simon, the Californian industrialist, a Japanese collector or an art oriented corporation.

Meanwhile in museum circles it was angrily pointed out that Britain could have acquired the painting for £5.5 million, less than a quarter of the price paid.

"Sunflowers" appears to have been overtaken by an even higher national priority, the acquisition of John Constable's superb landscape with boys fishing, "The Young Waltonians", which was acquired for £5.5 million.

Christie's acted for both vendors and would have known that Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, was looking for a big masterpiece with which to show the rich tax savings to be gained by a sale to the nation.

A seller needs an auction price of more than £15 million to get £5.5 million after an auction sale, when capital transfer tax and buyer's premium are deducted. This striking statistic was demonstrated by the acquisition of "The Young Waltonians", but for several weeks it looked as though Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" would be used to force the message home.

Christie's first move was to check whether the National Galleries of London and Edinburgh might be interested in buying the painting for about £6 million. Neither could afford it.

The next round involved serious negotiations between solicitors for the Chester Beatty estate and the Museums and Galleries Commission over the proposition of ceding the picture to the nation in lieu of tax. This involves no outright payment, simply a large tax credit to the estate.

By this stage the picture was valued at £10 million, and the nation would have had to forego £5.5 million in tax to acquire it. Negotiations looked promising but the tax liability on the estate, "Sunflowers" apart, was not that large.

An accommodation might have been found had not Christie's had a sudden incentive to switch the picture under negotiation.

Shortly after the negotiations on "Sunflowers" went dead, "The Young Waltonians" was ceded to the nation in lieu of tax so swiftly that the decision was never put to the full board of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Christie's had acted for many years as advisers to the Chester Beatty family but Sotheby's and several dealers, including the Lefevre Gallery of Bruton Street, tried to wrest the sale of the picture out of their hands.

Christie's are said to have worked for no commission and to have agreed to cover marketing costs themselves.

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'Fireball' death of scientist is third in a bizarre series

By Tony Dawe

Police confirmed last night that the defence scientist Mr David Sands was the victim of a "fireball" car crash beside the A33 in Hampshire on Monday.

He is the third defence expert to suffer a bizarre death in recent months. Like the two previous victims, he was working on secret projects for companies owned by GEC, the major defence contractor in Britain.

Mr Sands's body was found inside his Austin Maestro car which had burst into flames after hitting a disused Little Chef restaurant at high speed. He was identified from dental records yesterday.

He had been working on a top secret radar project for Easams of Camberley, Surrey, which has implications for "star wars" research — as did the work of the two other dead men. Britain is said to be ten years ahead of the Russians in this field.

Mr Peter Peacock, Easams' marketing executive, said yesterday that Mr Sands's work was "extremely sensitive". He added: "His death has come as a considerable shock to the company. He was a highly respected and senior member of staff, involved in fairly intense work."

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that he had been engaged in preparatory work for a defence contract. Easams is one of the companies hoping to win the UK Air contract, which will link airborne and ground radar to provide a unique picture of what is moving in the skies.

Police investigating Mr Sands's death said the "fireball" was apparently caused by two five-gallon cans of petrol inside the car.

Mr Sands, aged 37 and married with two young children, had left his home at Itchen Abbas, Hampshire, for work on Monday morning. But his car had apparently done a U-turn on the A33 and headed up an unused slip-road leading to the boarded-up restaurant.

Police estimate the car must have been travelling at 80 mph but say there was no obvious reason for Mr Sands to kill himself.

Adding to the mystery is Mr Sands's disappearance last Saturday when he was reported missing by his wife. He reappeared at 10.30pm and said he had been for a drive to sort some things out in his mind.

The deaths of the two other defence specialists have also baffled police. Detectives in Bristol say there is still no logical explanation for the apparent suicide of Mr Vimal Dajibhai, a brilliant computer programmer working on air-to-sea missiles for Marconi, a sister company of Easams.

His body was found beneath the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol but he had no connection with the city and was about to start a new career in London.

The detectives now believe that another Marconi worker, Mr Ashad Sharif, who was found dead in Bristol did intend to kill himself.

Pupils and an assistant preparing for the tea ceremony yesterday at the opening of the Japanese Gyosei International School in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

The British new town beat Paris and Rome as the site for the new sister school of Japan's 106-year-old Roman Catholic equivalent of Eton or Winchester, the Gyosei School of Tokyo (Our Education Reporter writes).

Gyosei's principal in Tokyo, Father Shigeru Tagawa, said: "We chose Milton Keynes because lots of Japanese families will be living here.

The Gyosei Tokyo School's military style uniforms have been forsaken for blue British blazers and grey flannel trousers or skirts. Fees at the £16 million lakeside complex are £6,000 a year.

The school will offer evening courses in Japanese arts, and is to forge links with Stowe, the nearest leading independent school. (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Overcrowding at Gatwick Airport

New terminal stands idle

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Thousands of passengers will be crowded together waiting for flights at Gatwick Airport this summer while a second terminal designed to ease the congestion stands empty a few hundred yards away.

British Caledonian yesterday attacked BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) for the delay in completing the second terminal and for putting profit before the needs of the airlines and their passengers.

Sir Adam Thomson, the chairman of British Caledonian, said in London yesterday: "The airport terminal is going to be very overcrowded this summer and it is going to be pretty grim for many passengers".

He said the Government was partly to blame for wanting to maximize BAA's profits in advance of its sale to private investors this year.

The Government gave the approval for the £200 million North terminal at Gatwick after a public inquiry in 1980. It was scheduled to open this spring and work was well advanced when a halt was suddenly called last year because BAA was in danger of exceeding the cash limits imposed by the Government.

The terminal will provide sufficient extra capacity to allow 25 million passengers a year to pass through compared with the 16 million limit now in force.

Sir Adam was joined in the attack on BAA by his deputy chairman, Sir Peter Masefield, former chairman of the British Airports Authority.

BAA is already under attack from airlines in the United States for proposing charges at Heathrow and Gatwick which, they claim, will be illegal under international law and also from British airlines who say they will face increases of up to 40 per cent in the landing fees for their smaller aircraft once BAA is privatized

The accusations are strongly denied both by the authority and by the Government who maintain that the scale of charges will by limited by statute and will lead to a reduction in real terms.

Black boycott of Shakespeare day

By Craig Seton

An anti-apartheid demonstration and a boycott by at least 15 black nations are threatening Shakespeare's birthday celebrations in Stratford upon Avon this month.

Warwickshire police are planning tight security for the celebrations on April 25 after threats by the Anti-Apartheid Group to stage disruptive protests at the traditional unfurling of national flags because a South African diplomat has been invited.

Nigeria, Guyana and Algeria have withdrawn plans to send diplomatic representatives and Gabon and Trinidad and Tobago have asked that their flags should not be shown.

Last year, 16 countries withdrew from the ceremony in protest at the invitation to a South African cultural counsellor from the embassy in London.

One man was arrested when he attempted to rip the South African flag from a pole, which was broken during the scuffle and flour bombs were thrown at the South African diplomat.

Brigadier David Atkinson, chairman of the Shakespeare Birthday celebration committee, said yesterday: "We expect that this year we will not be flying at least 15 flags because South Africa has been invited. It is extremely sad that we should have these political overtones at what should be a purely cultural and social occasion."

About 75 diplomatic representatives normally attend the celebrations, which include a procession through the town.

Portfolio —Gold—

Nest-egg for law student

A law student, Mr Andrew Hearne, was the sole winner of the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £12,000 — three times the usual amount as there had been no winner for two days.

Mr Hearne, aged 19, of Redland, Bristol, is a second year law student at Southampton University. He said he was surprised by his win as he sometimes missed playing the competition when he was engrossed in his studies.

He said: "I regularly take *The Times*, but I occasionally miss a day or two playing Portfolio.

"I intend using the money to replace my rather ageing Mini and to have a holiday, but I will save some as a nest-egg for my future."

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Mr Andrew Hearne, who will buy a new car.

BBC to produce films for cinema

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The BBC intends to start producing feature films to be released in cinemas before being broadcast on television.

Its approach is likely to be modelled on that pioneered by Channel 4, which has successfully participated in the production of films such as *Letter to Brezhnev* and *My Beautiful Laundrette*.

Mr Michael Checkland, director-general, disclosed the new strategy yesterday at a briefing for independent producers in London. It was among a list of "twelve commandments" describing the ways in which the BBC intends to establish a new relationship with independents producers.

Mr Checkland's manifesto was cautiously welcomed by the producers, but they said they will continue to press for the 25 per cent quota of BBC airtime which has been endorsed by the Government.

Mr Checkland said that the BBC's efforts, and those of independent television, would double the size of the independent programme industry within three years.

The corporation would move £4 million immediately into a fund to buy up to 100 additional hours of independently-made programmes in the financial year that begins today . By 1990, the corporation would be ready to spend at least £20 million a year commissioning 600 hours of programmes from independents, covering everything except news.

Channel 4 unveils night TV service

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Channel 4 yesterday promised to break new ground when it launches its "night-time" programmes after Easter.

Starting with transmissions up to 3am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, the service will be extended to seven nights next year.

A new comedy show presented by the American comedienne Ruby Wax will be shown on Saturdays and Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Channel 4's chief executive, promised that the show, which begins on April 25, "will keep everybody awake, I should think, including Mrs Whitehouse".

Another new programme is *After Dark*, a discussion show that will have no definite length.

The Thursday night slot will be devoted to feature films.

Other new programmes include a four-part adaptation of Tom Sharpe's *Porterhouse Blue*; *Hold the Dream*, a two-part sequel to *A Woman of Substance*; *Brond*, a three-hour political thriller, and *When Reason Sleeps*, a series of four one-hour dramas inspired by the Goya etchings, *Los Caprichos*.

A nine-part documentary, *The Struggles for Poland*, begins on Sundays from June 7.

A four-part series, *Roosevelt's Children*, traces the rise of the American baby boom generation and a 12-part series presented by Gerald and Lee Durrell, *Ourselves and Other Animals*, will run on Saturdays.

Arts programmes include a season of *Dance on 4*; *Men and Music: Classical Vienna*; *Voices*, a six-part series on psychoanalysis; *Alter Image*, the arts magazine and *Such is Life*, about Sir Sidney Nolan, the Australian artist.

£1.6m for farmland reserve

By David Sapsted

A call for a countryside strategy to ease the crisis in agriculture and resolve conflicts between farming and other interests was made yesterday by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The plan, advocated in a policy document "Managing the Countryside", came on the day when the Nature Conservancy Council paid £1.6 million to a Kent farmer willing to turn his farm into a nature reserve. It was hailed as a new era of co-operation between landowners and conservationists.

The Country Landowners' Association said the move was indicative of a nationwide trend towards voluntary agreements, most on a much smaller scale than the Kent scheme, to promote conservation.

Under the arrangement between the council and Mr Philip Merricks, who farms 1,800 acres of Elmley Marshes on the Isle of Sheppey, the money will set up a charitable trust to manage the farm as the largest lowland nature reserve in southern England.

Mr Merricks had originally planned to drain the land, an area vital to wildfowl and part of the Swale site of special scientific interest, and use it for intensive cereal growing. The conservancy council used its powers under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, to block the development while attempts were made to work out a voluntary agreement to protect the grassland.

Mr Merricks agreed to drop his cereal plans and use the £1.6 million payment — from government funds intended to compensate farmers for profits lost because of conservation projects — to establish the nature reserve, which adjoins a 670-acre site run by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

New drive to keep the tourists happy

By Derek Harris

A drive to improve training in London's leisure industry and so make the capital more attractive to tourists was launched yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment.

Highly motivated staff, high standards of service and better business performance were good for employees, employers and customers in the leisure industry, he said.

"Tourists should climb on their aircraft at Heathrow and want to come back to Britain. If we can do that we have succeeded", he said.

The new drive is the biggest project of its kind so far in Britain. It was set up by the Manpower Services Commission and will be managed by the Hotel and Catering Training Board. There are already more than 40 similar local projects around Britain.

A three-year investigation will aim to establish where more or different training is needed in London.

It will be part of the main collaborative project involving polytechnics, colleges and employers.

It was hoped that the collaboration would put London's important tourism industry and its employees "on a much firmer footing", Lord Young said. Tourism provides 400,000 jobs in the capital, either directly or indirectly, which means one in 10 of the London workforce is dependent at least to some degree on the industry.

Tourism is also growing, Lord Young emphasized. Many American tourists deserted Britain last year but spending by overseas visitors still reached the record £5,400 million level of 1985 with 4 per cent fewer foreign visitors.

Funding for the London project includes £175,000 grant from the MSC and the offer of £10,000 from the British Tourist Authority. Providers of training are expected to contribute half the cost of the work during the three years, and 10 colleges and polytechnics have agreed to take part.

Among organizations supporting the initiative are the Confederation of British Industry; the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association; the Brewers' Society; the Museums and Galleries Commission; and London Docklands Development Corporation.

Cathedral is heritage prizewinner

The eleventh-century cathedral in St Albans, Hertfordshire, is one of the three winners of this year's Sandford Awards for their outstanding contribution to heritage education.

The awards, made by the Heritage Education Trust, were presented by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, in St Albans yesterday.

The other recipients are Whightwick Manor in the West Midlands and The Boat Museum in the Wirral.

Scientists check old plastic

By Robert Matthews

British scientists are dusting off plastic compounds made at Queen Mary College, London, in the mid-1970s and checking them for any signs of magnetism, after the announcement of the first "plastic magnet" by a team of Russian researchers.

Dr David Bloor, professor of polymer physics at the college and research fellow at Marconi, said yesterday that research students at the college had prepared plastic materials similar to those described by the Russians as long ago as 1975, but there was nothing to lead them to suspect that the plastics might prove magnetic. Theories predicting the possibility of plastic magnets did not appear until the late 1970s.

Professor Bloor said that after hearing the first reports of the Russian work, Dr Richard Friend, of the Cavendish laboratory at Cambridge university, had asked to test the QMC samples.

The Russian work means scientists have now found ways of mimicking virtually all the electrical properties of metals in far lighter, carbon-based compounds. Organic conductors, semiconductors and superconductors of electricity had already been made. Now magnetism has been added to the list.

The compound discovered by the Russians, code-named BIPO, shows a special, very useful, type of magnetism known as ferromagnetism

According to Professor Bloor, what makes BIPO interesting is that ferromagnetism usually takes place in materials which have had their total energy raised by the alignment of spare electrons orbiting the nuclei of atoms. BIPO seems to be ferromagnetic in its lowest-energy state, because of the way the atoms are arranged within its long, thin structure.

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PARLIAMENT

Labour Party attack on press

A claim that there was an orchestrated campaign in News International newspapers to defame the Labour Party was made during Prime Minister's question time, which was taken by Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the Commons, in the absence of Mrs Thatcher in Moscow.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Tottenham, Lab): When Murdoch moved to Wapping, does he recollect those bad jokes with regard to "the Wapping big lies", and is he aware that those lies are now reality (cheers from Opposition benches)?

Is he aware there is now an orchestrated campaign to defame the Labour Party (Conservative laughter) to the extent that democracy is now threatened? Will he recall the Press Commission, which has not met for some 10 years?

Mr Biffen: It has been the prerogative of politicians through the ages to believe they have been misrepresented by the press. I think the difficultities of the Labour Party are mainly self-inflicted.

Review body important for nurses

The review body for nurses' pay had played an important part in securing improved wages for the nursing profession over the years, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, said when he stood in for the Prime Minister at question time.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent South, Lab) said that the Prime Minister would be studying the review body's report, and he asked Mr Biffen to use his influence to make sure that on this occasion, for the first time since the body was established, the public was not deceived, and nurses were not cheated.

Mr Biffen: I am sure that the review body has played an important part in securing improved wages to the nursing profession over the years, and I well understand that in all parts of the House there will be sympathy for the view that any recommendation by the board should be implemented speedily and in as full a measure as possible.

He said that under this Government there had been a 23 per cent improvement in real pay, in contrast to the period under the last Labour Government when it had dropped in real terms by 21 per cent.

New peers take seats

Lord Basnett, formerly Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union from 1973 to 1986, took his seat in the House of Lords. He was supported by Lord Murray of Epping Forest, former TUC general secretary, and Lord Ponsonby, Labour's Chief Whip in the Lords.

Lord Stevens of Ludgate, formerly Mr David Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers, took his seat on the Conservative benches. He was supported by Lord Ampthill (Ind), a director of United Newspapers, and Lord McAlpine of Moffat.

Repair costs for M-ways

Repair work is outstanding on 50 miles of motorways and 218 miles of other trunk roads in England, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons written reply. The costs of renewal will be about £150 million.

In Scotland there is a backlog of about thirty miles. The backlogs should be cleared by about 1992.

Finance Bill

The Finance Bill, which will implement the Budget's detailed proposals, will be published next Wednesday, Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, announced in a written reply.

Bypass date

Work on the A35 Dorchester bypass in Dorset is expected to start in late summer and should be completed by the middle of 1989, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written reply.

Tourist cash

Tourist spending in the London area increased from £1.8 billion in 1978 to more than £3.9 billion in 1985, Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. That represented a rise of more than 14 per cent in real terms.

Capital jobless

The number of people in the inner London boroughs who had been unemployed for more than a year stood at 86,300 at the end of the first week of January, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, said during Commons questions.

Health job

Mr Derek Thomas, District Psychologist for North Manchester Health Authority since July 1984, has been appointed Director of the National Development Team for Mentally Handicapped People, Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said in a written reply.

Bill to allow experimental month-long remands

JUSTICE

An experiment to allow courts to remand in prison certain accused people for 28 days rather than eight is to be introduced under the Criminal Justice Bill, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, told MPs.

When the Commons began the report stage of the Bill, he successfully moved a new clause to allow for the experiment. He said that the experiment would be in a number of areas and a number of offences would be designated to allow such remands to take place.

"The proposal that we put forward is that the first remand should be for a period of eight days but that thereafter a court should be able to remand for up to 28 days."

The background to the decision was a remand population that had grown very substantially in recent years from up to 4,000 in 1979 to about 8,500 today.

With the present eight-day remands, some hearings in the magistrates' court were purely formal at which nothing of substance took place. Prisoners had to be brought to the court, often a very considerable distance, and prison officers were required to escort them. Court time was taken up.

Some research carried out last year had indicated that out of an average of eight hearings in the magistrates' court before committal for trial, five were purely formal.

The clause would be subject to safeguards. Nobody would be kept in custody for a long period who had grounds to mount a bail application.

What would be devastating to the system would be if remanding for up to 28 days became a general habit of the courts.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokeman on home affairs, said that the Opposition had some reservations about the clause and welcomed the fact that it was being introduced as an experiment.

This measure was being brought in because of the pressure on the courts and on the prison system. At the end of the day, that was not the best reason for legislating in this way.

Mr Mellor said the decision had been taken for severely practical reasons. There was nothing magic about eight days. It just happened to be the figure determined by previous legislation. The Government was anxious to try to strike a fair balance.

A further new Government clause, moved by Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, and providing that a person should not be entitled to receive any payment due under a compensation order until the expiry of the period for notice of appeal against the court's decision and, where notice of appeal was given, until the appeal had been determined, was agreed to without a division.

The clause also stated that where a compensation order had been made against a person in respect of an offence of which he had been convicted, it should cease to have effect on a successful appeal against conviction.

Mr Mellor successfully moved another Government new clause, allowing an application for the variation of conditions on a warrant which had to be postponed, to be referred to a magistrates' court.

Mr Soley successfully moved a new clause which, he said, was aimed at reducing the number of young offenders sentenced to custodial terms.

He said: "In this country we lock up more young people than in any other comparable country in the Western world and the failure rate of these people being reconvicted within two years of release is incredibly high at around 70 to 80 per cent".

The only effect of such sentences seemed to be to teach young people to live in an institution and so make it easier for them to go back in again. Such sentences were often inappropriate and counterproductive.

There were some young people who were a danger to society and had to be locked away, but the evidence showed that too many people were being locked up. The new clause would tighten up the guidelines for custodial sentences by spelling out the qualifications that should first be considered.

That would ease the problem for the courts in interpreting the Criminal Justice Act, 1982, lead to a reduction in the use of custodial sentences for young people, and result in a more consistent form of sentencing throughout the country.

Mr Mellor said that the Government saw no objection to these new proposals and would recommend acceptance.

The 1982 Act had simplified and rationalized the structure of sentencing for juveniles and young offenders, replacing a mish mash of offences.

In 1982, the last year of the old arrangements, 7,100 juveniles went into custody — 7.5 per cent of all sentences and cautions. In 1985, the figures were 5,900, or 6.1 per cent. So there was plenty of evidence that the 1982 Act had worked well.

The new clause was read a second time.

● Corporal punishment should be brought back as a deterrent because crime figures were still rising, despite the Government's welcome increases in spending and manpower in respect of the forces of law and order.

That was said by Mr Warren Hawksley (The Wrekin, C) when he moved a new clause calling for the cane to be used, in private, in cases involving children and the birch in cases with adult offenders.

He said that the Conservatives' 1979 and 1983 general election victories were based upon a policy of law and order. Electors had been looking for great things.

Yet the crime figures showed a tragic national picture. The country had to ask itself why.

The birch had worked as a deterrent in the Isle of Man. It would work here.

When corporal punishment had been abolished in 1948, crimes of violence against the person were 5,183 that year. By 1981, they had gone up to 100,000. Since then, they had jumped to 125,500.

Mr Alex Carlile (Montgomery, L), Alliance spokesman on legal affairs, condemned Mr Hawksley's proposals as repugnant, regressive and thoroughly reprehensible.

Not only did Mr Hawksley want to turn back the clock, but he wanted to turn it back to a time that had never existed. He wanted to turn it back to a time when he imagined public lust for punishment might have been gratified by corporal punishment.

Where did Mr Hawksley get all that nonsense about successful deterrence which he believed would result from judicial flogging of youngsters?

Such a view amounted to tearing up years of Home Office criminological research under successive governments, all the judgements over young offenders and all that was known of the experience of many schools.

The proposed new clause was an absolute nonsense in that it sought to introduce a new crime — that of "provoking language".

Little Lord Fauntleroy (Mr Peter Bruinvels) recommending Adrian Mole to MPs.

House told of plans for islands government

Proposals to get the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean back to democratic government were outlined to MPs by Mr Timothy Eggar, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

In a Commons statement he said that the Government had accepted the central recommendations of a constitutional commission under Sir Roy Marshall. The Government's proposals were generally welcomed by Opposition MPs.

Mr Eggar said: Our objectives have been to ensure:

● That past failures are rectified and the Turks and Caicos Islands receive a constitution which provides for responsible government;

● That we discharge our ultimate responsibility for good administration;

● That the islands' future political, social and economic development is assured.

We have accepted the commission's central recommendation that there should be a return to ministerial government. This will be underpinned by a series of new constitutional provisions and other safeguards. It reflects our commitment to, and the islanders' desire for, democratic expression and responsible administration.

These safeguards, whose implementation will be discussed with the legislature, are:

● Larger multi-member constituencies to prevent patronage.

● More regular legislative council sittings.

● The introduction of a committee system to provide greater ministerial accountability.

● Administrative checks, including a public service commisssion, ombudsman and resident auditor to ensure an independent civil service and better financial discipline.

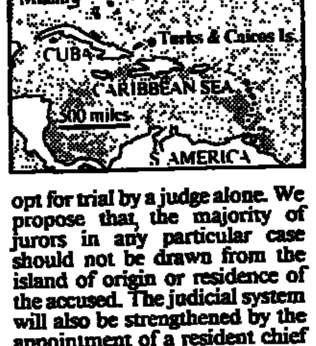
In addition we propose to strengthen the commission's proposals in a number of ways.

We agree with the commission's recommendations for a five-year disqualification period for convicted persons, but think that it may be too complex. We therefore propose a simpler alternative. This would apply to anyone convicted of a criminal offence carrying a sentence of 12 months or more by a court of law in any country.

We also propose that, after full consultation with the chief minister, the governor should in future be able to decide whether certain ministerial responsibilities should be allocated to elected members of the executive council. Similarly, after consultation with the chief minister, he will be able to withdraw a responsibility from a minister if he believes this necessary.

The commission were also concerned about the limitations of the present jury system.

We agree that the right to trial by jury should be retained, while providing defendants a right to opt for trial by a judge alone. We propose that the majority of jurors in any particular case should not be drawn from the island of origin or residence of the accused. The judicial system will also be strengthened by the appointment of a resident chief justice.



It will take time to prepare the necessary constitutional amendments and establish the supporting electoral and administrative measures. New elections will therfore be held in April or May 1988 when they are due under the present constituion. Until that time the territory will continue to be administered by the present interim government.

The constitutional commission made clear that patronage and malpractice had existed under recent governments in the Turks and Caicos. We are now providing the framework for fair and effective administration and the proper use of taxpayers' money. We expect the new measures to receive the support of the islanders, who were extensively consulted.

Mr George Foulkes, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that it was necessary to get the issues properly resolved, to get the Turks and Caicos back on the road to democracy. There were implications for Britain's other dependent territories and small island states.

The Opposition strongly urged a return to ministerial government in the islands before the end of this year. That was what the islanders wanted, and expected.

Mr Eggar said that administrative problems in getting the necessary back-up in place in time for elections this year were insuperable.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, wanted to know if the proposed reserve powers for the governor would be available to ensure that recommendations from the proposed ombudsman were accepted.

Mr Eggar said that the proposed procedures for the ombudsman's role had still to be worked out with the islands' legislature. It was clear, though, that the proposed ombudsman would have a major and strong role in ensuring good administration.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) wondered if these small islands, with a population of some 8,000, really needed this extravagant Foreign Office solution.

In view of the Wild West lawlessness that had prevailed there for some time, would it not be better to have a good sheriff (laughter)?

Mr Eggar said that if Mr Aitken was volunteering, that was an option that might be considered (renewed laughter).

Tourism Oscars from the Tories

Conservative MPs awarded their own tourism Oscars for television programmes promoting the attractions of parts of the United Kingdom at question time when they sought to achieve some of the beneficial effects for their own areas that the BBC series *Bergerac* is said to have brought to Jersey.

An awful warning about the inhibiting effects of any programme that showed the truth about conditions on the Leeds-Bradford railway came from the only Labour MP taking part in the exchanges, Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab). He was reminded that *Last of the Summer Wine* had been a successful promoter of his area.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) raised the subject by asking for information about the effect on regional tourism of television programmes depicting the English countryside, history and way of life.

Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said that it was not possible to quantify the effect on regional tourism of television programmes, but many successful productions had clearly resulted in big increases in the number of visitors to the areas in which they were located.

Mr Bruinvels: Given that the BBC series *Bergerac* has promoted jobs and tourism in Jersey, many regional television companies should be promoting their areas with films like *Connie, Adrian Mole*, and *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, all of which were filmed in Leicestershire.

Mr Trippier: Perhaps it is more appropriate that Mr Bruinvels should refer to *Little Lord Fauntleroy* than to *Bergerac* (laughter).

He is right, and we should do more to encourage regional companies to increase awareness of their localities on film and television productions.

Mr Max Madden: Any programmes showing conditions on the railway lines between Bradford and Leeds will greatly inhibit the efforts the City of Bradford is making to promote tourism (laughter). Will he make urgent inquiries to discover why British Rail is so reluctant to electrify the line, to provide clean, fast trains, to promote tourism, local industry and to reduce unemployment?

Mr Trippier: He has something of a reputation for pushing the negative rather than the positive, but I will draw the attention of the Secretary of State for Transport (Mr John Moore) to that.

Mr William Walker (North Tayside, C): With 1,500,000 working in tourism, it is one of our main areas of employment and future employment. The making of films would be helpful and essential and there is nothing I would like better than to see *Rob Roy*.

Mr Trippier: It is a long time since anyone saw *Rob Roy* on television. It had a good run for a period but the vast majority of people in this country and possibly abroad could stand another showing.

Election date 'uncertainty'

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham Perry Barr, Lab) urged that parliaments should be elected for a fixed term, to avoid damage to the economy caused by uncertainty about election dates. Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, replied, amid laughter, that the uncertainty and damage were caused, not by the fixed parliaments or their absence, but by uncertainty about who might win.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Criminal Justice Bill, completion of remaining stages (debate on the restoration of capital punishment).

Lords (2.30): Debate on the National Health Service.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

When people ask what would happen in a hung Parliament they almost invariably mean: would the Alliance do a deal with the Conservatives or Labour? But the Alliance would not be the only smaller party in a hung Parliament.

The various Ulster Unionist parties won 15 seats at the last general election. That did not put them so far behind the Alliance, which had only 23 MPs even though it had 26 per cent of the votes. It has subsequently increased its parliamentary strength in by-elections, but once again it is expected to do much better in terms of votes than seats.

So it is conceivable that a deal with the Ulster Unionists could also provide one of the larger parties with a majority in a narrowly balanced hung Parliament, or even that one of the smaller parties as well as the Alliance would be required for an overall majority.

Labour tempted to court Unionists

It is often forgotten that even if Mr Heath had managed to reach agreement with Mr Jeremy Thorpe in their dramatic talks after the inconclusive February, 1974, election the Conservatives and Liberals would still not have mustered a majority between them.

So it is hardly surprising that some Labour politicians, wondering how to get a Labour Queen's Speech through the next House of Commons, have been tempted to play the Unionist card. Those who contemptuously dismiss the very idea of playing British politics with the future of Northern Ireland should be reminded how assiduously Labour courted the votes of Ulster MPs in the last days of the Callaghan Government.

But is it a smart way of playing politics in today's conditions? It is obviously unwise to float the proposal publicly before the election. That attracts criticism before knowing whether any deal with the Unionists would be necessary or possible. So the official disclaimers that Mr Stuart Bell was speaking for the Labour Party last Saturday were only to be expected.

Yet might it still be an option for Labour, or for that matter the Conservatives, to pursue under certain circumstances after the election? It would certainly be desirable to attract all the Northern Irish MPs back to Westminster. A continued Unionist boycott would do nothing for the province and would be unhelpful to the proper government of the United Kingdom.

There are, however, a number of reasons why it would be dangerous to entice them back by bargaining for their political support, even if this were done only by a process of nods and winks.

No understanding, even if unstated, would be possible with the Unionists without doing something about the Anglo-Irish agreement. I am one of the sceptics on the agreement, but that would be the worst possible way of modifying or ending it.

It would do most to damage relations with Dublin, and would attract justifiable criticism from the United States and other countries whose intense but not always well informed interest in Northern Ireland has been a frequent embarrassment to Britain.

Unionist 'deal' a mistake

Cajoling the Unionists would therefore, I believe, be a mistake on the high ground of national policy. It would also be unlikely to succeed on the lower level of partisan politics. A parliamentary majority that depended on the Unionists would be too flimsy to provide a secure basis for any government.

There would be too few of them even if they were to capture all 17 of the Nortern Irish seats. Nor can there be any certainty at this stage how closely the Official Unionists and Mr Paisley's Democratic Unionists will co-operate in the next Parliament. It is still not clear whether they will be able to fight the next election on a joint basis.

There would be no possibility of the Alliance joining any wider arrangement with the Unionists, and any British party that attempted to gain power by treating with Mr Paisley in particular would damage itself with the British electorate. It is a sad reflection of how the Unionists have allowed themselves to become the pariahs of British politics.

Measure may be killed off

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Labour MPs are planning to kill off a Bill changing the patent laws, which was brought in by a Labour peer.

Lord Northfield, formerly Mr Donald Chapman, the Labour MP, fought a bitter dispute with his own front bench to get his Patents (Amendment) Bill through its examination in the Lords.

Senior Labour peers have been embarrassed by his persistence because some drug firms are expected to profit from the measure and Lord Northfield is an adviser to the pharmaceutical company Merck, Sharp and Dohme and to the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries.

The Bill, which has Government backing, abolishes the right of drug companies to make cheap medicines based on established brand names under licence during the last four years of a drug's 20-year patent life.

Since the Bill has so far survived its passage in the Lords, Labour whips have decided to block it when it arrives in the Commons. As a privately sponsored measure it will fall if there is any objection from MPs. But the Government is likely to undertake a similar change to the law in a future session.

Safety measure

Sports ground Bill welcomed

The following report of the Commons second reading debate on the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Opposition generally welcomed the Bill to strengthen safeguards for the public at big sporting events, *Mr Alf Dubs*, an Opposition spokesmen on Home Affairs, said. But it was worried that the Government intended to charge sports ground operators the administrative costs connected with safety inspections.

He was speaking during the debate on second reading of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, which has already completed its passage through the House of Lords.

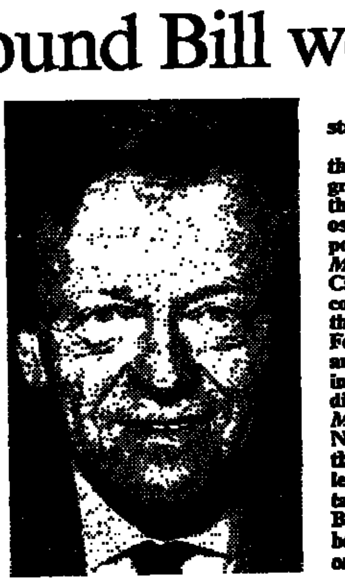
Earlier, *Mr Douglas Hogg*, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, had said that everyone had become more conscious since the Bradford City football ground fire nearly two years ago of the dangers that could arise when groups of people congregated at sports events.

The main purpose of the Bill was simple: to reduce that risk and take practical measures to ensure safety.

It implemented many of the recommendations of the Popplewell report [Mr Justice Poppelwell conducted an inquiry into sports ground safety after the Bradford fire].

The Bill proposed to give local authorities power to prohibit or restrict the admission of spectators to places where there were serious risks.

Stands that could hold 500 or more people under cover at all undesignated sports grounds would need a fire safety certificate.



Mr Dubs: Opposition worried about charges.

Local authorities would have to carry out inspections.

Licensing legislation would be extended so that, generally, indoor sports premises would be required to have licenses for public events.

Mr Dubs described the Bill as a worthwhile advance in fire safety.

He believed that this was the first time that charges had been contemplated in Britain for matters to do with fire safety. It was a retrograde step.

There should not be charges because they might act as a deterrent to people when it came to ensuring that their premises were properly inspected and certificated.

"It could result in lower standards of fire safety."

He was uncertain, too, about the idea of inspecting only those grounds capable of taking more than 500 spectators. The Opposition would want the cut-off point revised downwards.

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L) also welcomed the Bill, although he said that it would need amendment. For instance, the fire regulations and the work done to facilitate improvements on exits in case of disaster, should be published.

Mr Geoffrey Lawler (Bradford North, C) said that all too often there had to be a tragedy before lessons were learnt and actions taken. It seemed likely that the Bradford City fire would have been avoided had the Bill been on the statute book at the time.

It had been the timber and tar roofing at the Bradford City ground which had been responsible for the scale of the tragedy there, yet it would still be possible for a stand to be built today in exactly the same materials.

Mr Hogg said that the threshold of 500 people for stands to require a fire-safety certificate was in line with the figure recommended by the Popplewell report. Lowering the threshold was a matter for discretion but he preferred not to give any commitment.

On funding, the primary duty of the House was to try to ensure public safety and he did not think that it was asking too much of the sporting community that it should make a substantial financial commitment to that.

The Bill was read a second time.

Jobs Task Force 'is propaganda'

The Government's Task Force scheme aimed at promoting employment in the inner cities was attacked by Labour as a "propaganda hoax" during Commons questions.

MPs had been told that very good progress was being made with the eight inner-city task force areas with more than 90 special projects and schemes already approved to encourage enterprise training and job creation.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, who rose to loud Conservative cheers after being taunted about his party's proposals for a 1 per cent training levy on companies, said: "The Paymaster General will recall last February when he launched this scheme that he said the Task Force was a bold experiment in creating real jobs.

"Since he has not made any claim for real jobs in his statements since, how many real jobs have been created by this scheme? How many jobs does he expect it to create?

"It is a propaganda hoax on the inner-city areas. It is not real jobs he is creating. It would be much better if he gave the £20 billion that he has robbed from local authorities back to them to create real jobs."

Mr Clarke said that real jobs were being created in all the Task Force areas. It was artificial to produce exact figures in response to that kind of question.

"I am horrified to hear that he recommits himself to putting money in the hands of left-wing local authorities."

Earlier he said that the benefits of the Government's Task Force approach would become steadily more apparent over the coming months to the people who lived in the areas concerned.

Potato price scale up

Increases in the Potato Marketing Board's scale of direct intervention trigger prices for potatoes for the period November 1987 to June 1988 have been agreed by Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture. The prices are being brought into a more realistic relationship with the board's contract prices.

Mr Gummer was announcing, in a written Commons reply, the intervention arrangements for the next potato season.

He said that, after consultation with the farming unions, he would authorize the board to enter into pre-season contracts with producers to buy up to 300,000 tonnes of potatoes over the months November 1987 to May 1988 at a scale of prices not to exceed an average of £53 a tonne.

"I have also agreed that the board may intervene directly on the market throughout the season where this will ensure support more cheaply than purchases under contract, provided that the total intervention does not exceed 500,000 tonnes.

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Businessmen seek end to 'elitist' education

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Higher education is geared too much to the needs of an academic elite and must change so that it can better meet industry's needs, an influential group of academics and businessmen said yesterday.

They called for a new partnership between government, higher education and industry.

The Council for Industry and Higher Education is launching a campaign to open universities and polytechnics to "far more people from a wider range of backgrounds for a bigger choice of courses more relevant to the information society in which they will work".

The council, which describes itself as independent and non-political, is chaired by Mr James Prior, the chairman of GEC and former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It is made up of 22 heads of large companies and 10 vice-chancellors, polytechnic directors and heads of colleges, and says it is supported by several ministers and the Manpower Services Commission.

In a statement the council says industry does not want to "usurp academic judgements" but does need "a formal place around tables where the strategic national choices are made about higher education priorities". It complains that at present industrialists' experience of academic affairs is of "sprawling meetings and voluminous paperwork lacking crisp conclusions".

The council suggests that if higher education were more flexible and market-minded, companies "would find it natural to make a significant further investment" in universities and polytechnics and in student sponsorship.

"We must move progressively to a situation where the customers of higher education, both individuals and industry, contribute significantly to its cost and exercise influence as customers."

It sums up industry's view of what it requires of graduates as "horses for courses and not expensive racehorses for everything".

Employers want "well rounded" graduates, but there needs to be a greater emphasis on mathematics, science and technology as part of the foundation of a liberal education.

It condemns A levels as a "convenient ticket for limiting entry to a small academic world", regrets that the arts benefit from a "disproportionate share of the most gifted teachers" and says no student should qualify from a higher education institution without computer keyboard competence.

Universities and polytechnics should restructure their courses into "modules" so that students can "move through their careers assembling credits in their workplace and at college".

The Government should capitalize on the Open University's outstanding success by allowing it to expand and so reduce its two-year waiting list.

On research funding, the council says that major investment choices can no longer be "left entirely to the intuitions of a small community". The money should be concentrated on some universities and the rest should "develop a sharper focus on the business of teaching".

The council says the Government's projection of a 4 per cent increase in student numbers by the end of the century is "at odds with the UK's ambitions for renewal and growth". It says the number of 18-year-olds in the population will fall by nearly a third between 1984 and 1993.

Mrs Jenifer Rosenberg (centre) celebrating her award with models wearing her garments (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

How travel broadens a firm's profits

A woman who travelled 55,000 miles around the world last year searching for new ideas was named Business Woman of the Year in London yesterday.

But Mrs Jenifer Rosenberg, aged 42, insisted that much of her success was due to the 1,600 people working for her in north-east England.

She set up J and J Fashions in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, 13 years ago, and says: "It is one of the best decisions I ever made". Mrs Rosenberg, the managing director, who lives in north London, now has seven factories in the North-east.

As she was presented with the Veuve Clicquot-Institute of Directors Award by the the institute's director general, Sir John Hoskyns, yesteday, she said: "My workforce is outstanding — and I owe them a lot".

"There are always ups and downs in the fashion industry, but it has never crossed my mind to throw in the towel."

The judges were impressed by Mrs Rosenberg's global mile search for new ideas last year, and by the company's growth record.

Turnover was up by almost 25 percent to £25 million with profits doubled, 100 new people were employed, and the company stepped up its commitment to the Youth Training Scheme.

Mrs Rosenberg, who started her career in the postroom at Marks & Spencer, set up the company with her husband in January 1974. It had just 16 employees.

Her husband died in 1976.

Britain's needy fare best in food giveaways

The United Kingdom has come top of an EEC league table of countries issuing surplus food to those in need this winter.

But figures issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food yesterday show there are still massive stocks of surplus food in warehouses throughout the country.

Yesterday saw the end of the 10-week free food period agreed by the European Commission in January and although millions received surplus butter, beef, milk and cheese, the give-away was just a fraction of what remains in 170 special "intervention stores" around the country.

Although 6,400 tonnes of butter were distributed, there were 232,844 tonnes left at the end of February.

Similarly, 962 tonnes of beef were issued, with 51,647 tonnes remaining in the warehouse.

The ministry said the amount of food given away was "just a dent" in what is in store. It was unlikely the give-away period would be extended in this country, although it is being considered in other EEC states.

It added that there was little chance of ministers reviewing the existing storage procedure. That involves the Government agreeing to store surplus food produced by farmers and giving them a guaranteed price.

The free food period started on January 20 when EEC farming ministers agreed to release surplus food during what was developing into a very harsh winter.

On his return from the meeting, Mr John Gummer, the Minister of State for Agriculture, invited some 15 charities and organizations to arrange the distribution of the food.

They were to use their own networks to establish who the needy were. There was no means test involved and the food tended to be issued to the elderly and those receiving benefits.

The organizations carried out their own collection and distribution with no limit on what they could order. Neither side has kept figures on how many people received free food.

The UK appears to have fared best in reducing the food mountains. Ireland was the only other country that also issued beef, butter, milk and cheese.

Greece, Italy and Portugal all reported nil demand, probably due to their milder winter. But in Denmark, which also experienced severe conditions, just one tonne of butter was requested by the nation's needy.

Post Office not liable for racism

The Post Office is not liable for the actions of a postman who wrote a racist message on the back of a Christmas card, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The court held that Mr David Edwards, of Herondale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, was not "acting in the course of his employment" when he wrote "Go back to Jamaica, Sambo" on a card delivered to a neighbour.

He was punished by the Post Office with suspended dismissal but his neighbours, Mr Albert Irving and his wife Gwyneth, thought he should have been dismissed.

They sued the Post Office, claiming unlawful racial discrimination, damages and an injunction against repetition of such behaviour.

They lost their case at Manchester County Court a year ago and appealed.

In the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Fox said Mr and Mrs Irving were of Jamaican origin. Relations between them and their neighbours became troubled because of parking problems.

Mr Edwards saw the Christmas card for his neighbours in December, 1983, while sorting mail. He wrote the comment on the envelope, adding a cartoon of a smiling mouth and eyes. It was delivered by another postman.

Another study of Army dogs

The possibility of merging the Army's dog training school at Melton Mowbray with the RAF's at Newton is to be investigated for at least the eleventh time in 15 years (Our Political Reporter writes).

The disclosure was made by Sir Clive Whitmore, the ministry's permanent under-secretary, to MPs on the Commons Public Accounts committee who had been questioning him on the need for the previous inquiries.

The matter was quite farcical, Mr Michael Latham, one of the MPs, said yesterday.

A decision against merging the schools to save costs had been taken in 1966, according to a National Audit Office report, and endorsed by further studies.

But in 1982 a new review backed a merger, and further reviews led in 1984 to a decision in principle to merge the schools.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under-secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence, visited the schools last week and as a result there is to be yet another study.

Sir Clive admitted that "we must have spent a great deal of money" on the investigations, but said they illustrated the ministry's determination to achieve savings.

Alarm at £104m toll bridge losses

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Severn and Erskine toll bridges lost more than £18 million between them last year, bringing their accumulated losses since construction to £104 million.

So seriously are the growing losses regarded by the Comptroller and Auditor General, Sir Gordon Downey, that he has taken the rare step of highlighting the problem in special reports added to the two bridges' annual accounts published yesterday.

He has no power to call for toll increases, but his reports point to previous warnings of the consequences of failing to raise tolls and the authorities' repeated delays in doing so.

The Severn Bridge, built in 1966, was supposed to recoup its costs within 40 years. But the Department of Transport's projections show accumulated losses of up to £338 million by 2006.

Last year it lost £9.7 million, bringing total losses to £50.9 million. Revenue marginally exceeded operating costs but amortization, interest and sinking funds totalled £10 million.

Sir Gordon's predecessor gave a warning of the consequences of delaying toll increases in 1977 when losses were just £6 million. The next year the public accounts committee recommended regular reviews of toll levels, but there have been only two toll increases since, in 1979 and 1985.

The Erskine Bridge, built across the Clyde in 1971 and used by 4.4 million vehicles last year, lost £8.7 million bringing total losses to £53.7 million. Again, huge interest payments were largely responsible.

However tolls, now 30p for a car and 80p for lorries, have been increased only once by the Scottish Development Department, the authority responsible, in spite of warnings similar to those given to the Severn Bridge authorities.

The development department has told Sir Gordon that the costs will not be recouped within the stipulated 20 years but have initiated a study into how much tolls can be increased.

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WARNING
ARE YOU DRIVING A GENUINE BMW?

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Following a recent discovery by customs officials it has come to our attention that non-genuine BMWs are being sold in Britain.

It is thought that they've been assembled in the Far East, by a company specialising in reproduction cars.

Even to the discerning eye, these 'fakes' look like the genuine article. Although a thorough inspection by BMW engineers has revealed that they differ from authentic models in many details.

In order to determine the precise number of forgeries in the country and assess the severity of the problem, all BMW drivers are asked to carry out the following checks.

1. Does the roundel on your BMW match the genuine symbol above?

2. Is the oil dipstick no more than 450mm in length? Non-genuine dipsticks leave you short of 250mm.

3. All genuine BMWs have cigar lighters, whereas non-genuine BMWs have cigarette lighters.

4. Do the windscreen wipers make 253 sweeps per minute, at their fastest speed? Non-genuine wipers only make 123 sweeps per minute.

5. With the driver's seat in the full reclining position, you should be able to raise your feet and lie them flat on the windscreen.

6. Check the fuel consumption. The average April fuel figures for urban motoring can be obtained from your local BMW dealer.

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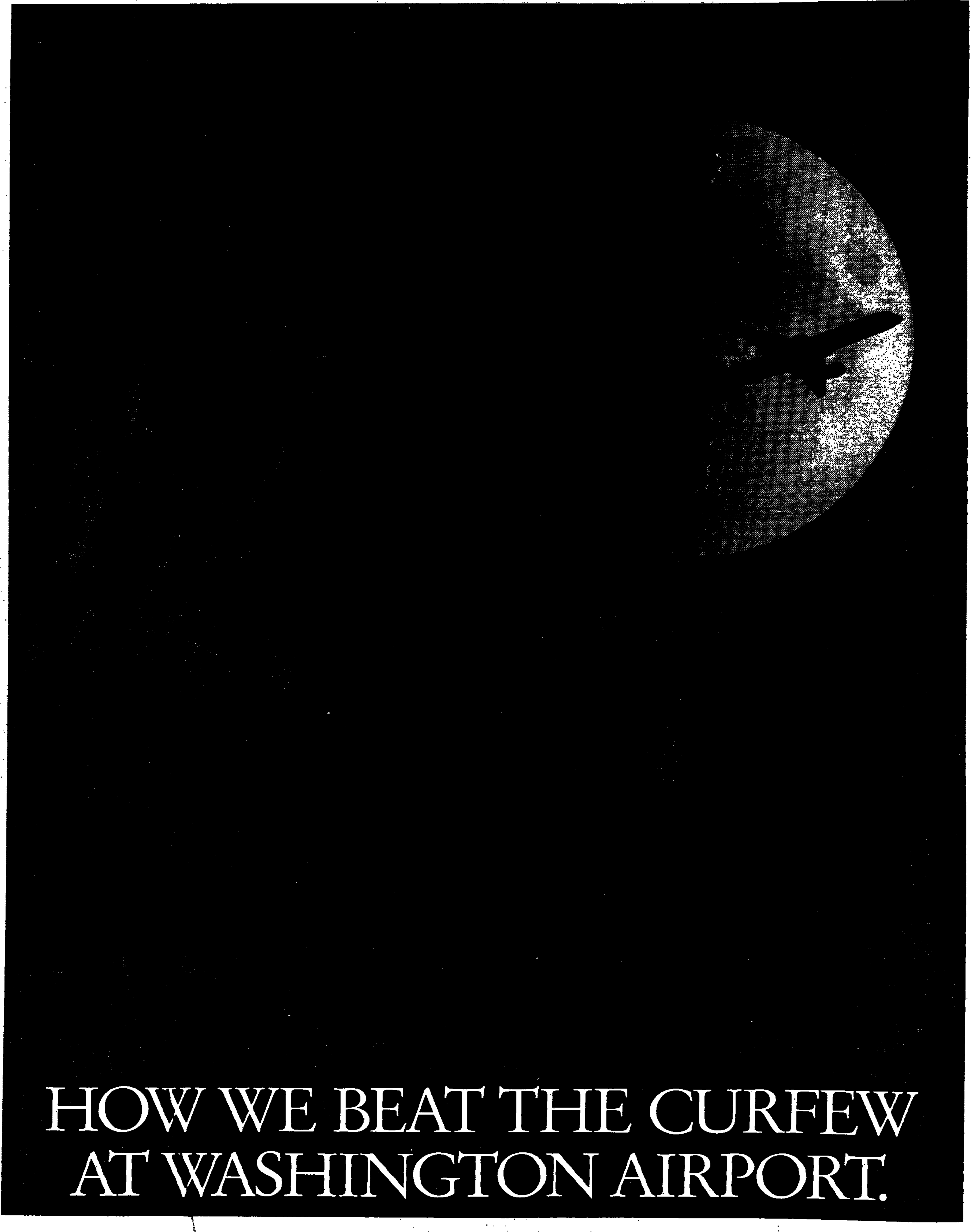

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WORLD SUMMARY

Italy on course for early election

Rome – The Italian Government crisis, provoked almost a month ago by the resignation of the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, yesterday entered a crucial and probably final stage (Roger Boyes writes). The Communist Speaker of Parliament, Signora Nilde Iotti, below, appears to have exhausted possibilities for putting together a new Government coalition and Signor Craxi's Socialist Party, which is pivotal to the formation of a coalition, embarked last night on a five-day congress brimming with election fever.

Signora Iotti was called in on Friday by President Cossiga after Signor Giulio Andreotti, the veteran Christian Democrat and caretaker Foreign Minister, abandoned his attempt to govern.

Italy has 15 parties, but for the purpose of forming a coalition only two variants have a real chance of success. The first has the Christian Democrats, the largest party, as its anchor, with Signor Craxi's Socialists and three other smaller parties making a workable majority. Signor Andreotti has failed again to revive this model since an earlier failed attempt.

The second possibility explored by Signora Iotti over the past few days uses as a base the second largest party, the Communists, and seeks to unite all left-of-centre parties.

Italy terrorism trial

Rome – In handcuffs, his face distended by plastic surgery, Stefano delle Chiaie returned to Italy yesterday to face trial for alleged involvement in a neo-Fascist plot which caused Europe's biggest terrorist massacre (Roger Boyes writes).

He was identified after his capture in a Venezuela drugs raid as one of Italy's most wanted men. He is accused of having planned or inspired bombings in the Piazza Fontane in Milan, which killed 16 people in 1969, and in Bologna railway station in 1980 which claimed 85 dead, as well as having murdered a Roman public prosecutor in 1976.

Challenge to Botha

Cape Town – The South African parliamentary election campaign began in earnest yesterday when 470 candidates were nominated to contest 166 seats in the white House of Assembly (Our Correspondent writes).

The nominations suggest that President Botha will face formidable oposition on his left rather than his right flank. Polling day will be May 6 in an election which President Botha called initially to fight off right-wing opposition. He is now facing reformist pressure.

Soviet launch

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union launched a research module called Kvant which will dock with the Mir manned orbiting space station on April 5, Tass said.

It said the Kvant – Quantum in English – would be used to carry out a wide range of studies in astronomy as well as other scientific research and observations for use in Soviet economic planning. The Mir station, crewed by two cosmonauts, Yuri Romanenko and Aleksandr Leveikin, has been in orbit since February 8.

Lesson from history

Harare – Mr Didymus Mutasa, Speaker of Zimbabwe's House of Assembly, yesterday used a House of Commons precedent dating back to 1716 to make way for proceedings to suspend from Parliament Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister (Jan Raath writes).

Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, the Minister of Information, said that statements made by Mr Smith in South Africa, urging them to unite to beat sanctions, constituted "succour and encouragement to a state hostile to the Government of Zimbabwe". He said the only way for Mr Smith now was out.

Carlsson grilled

Stockholm (Reuter) – The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, was questioned yesterday on opposition charges that political pressure contributed to a collapse of inquiries into the murder of his predecessor, Mr Olof Palme. Mr Carlsson was grilled for more than an hour by Parliament's constitutional committee, investigating police squad squabbles. He emphasized that there was no political interference.

Syrian arrests

Beirut (Reuter) – Brigadier Ghazi Kanaan, Syria's military intelligence chief in Lebanon, said yesterday that his men had arrested six people accused of planting bombs in Beirut in recent weeks and pledged to apprehend others.

The arrests follow at least 40 blasts, many of them comparatively unimportant, which have rocked the Lebanese capital since more than 7,000 Syrian troops were deployed there on February 22.

ID card for minister

Bonn (Reuter) – Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, yesterday became the first West German to receive a controversial new identity card whose introduction was delayed four years because of opposition by civil liberties groups. The plastic documents, which are the size of credit cards, can be read by computers and are said to be forgery-proof, are expected to help in the fight against terrorism.

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Soviet reform highlighted as Thatcher dines with dissident

Sakharov backs Gorbachov's leadership

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mrs Thatcher checking agreements for cultural and scientific exchange as Mr Gorbachov looks on.

The dramatic pace of change in Soviet society was highlighted yesterday when Dr Andrei Sakharov, the spiritual father of the Soviet dissident movement, sat down amid the 19th-century architectural splendour of the British Embassy for lunch and wide-ranging talks with Mrs Thatcher.

The meeting took place in full view of the Kremlin, whose red walls tower on the opposite side of the Moskva river. According to a senior British source, the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner remarked to the Prime Minister that "only two years ago, a meeting like this one could not even have been imagined."

Dr Sakharov, one of the Soviet Union's most brilliant nuclear scientists, was accompanied by his frail-looking Jewish wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner. The lunch, suggested by Mrs Thatcher, took place a little more than three months after the world-renowned couple were released from enforced exile in Gorky, 250 miles from the Soviet capital.

Afterwards, at a bizarre press conference given from the steps of the embassy, Dr Sakharov spoke warmly of Mrs Thatcher's approach to Soviet problems and praised the "clarity and precision" of her views on topics ranging from human rights to arms control.

The cloak-and-dagger aspect of the lunch – the British Government deliberately did not publicize it in advance – was emphasized when the two diplomats sent to collect Dr Sakharov from his Moscow flat failed to recognize him standing outside. In the confusion, he twice nearly climbed into the wrong car before locating the British Ford station wagon with its distinctive 001 number-plate.

The lunch was regarded as a political triumph for Mrs Thatcher, as the physicist's subsequent praise for her character and consensus with her on all major topics raised, embarrassingly contradicted claims in the Left-wing British press that he had snubbed her and refused to take part in a meeting.

The man regarded as the principal inventor of the Soviet H-bomb, Dr Sakharov was elected to the Soviet Academy of Sciences at the young age of 32. He received many of the nation's top honours before moving to the centre stage in the dissident campaign. He was exiled in 1980 shortly after having criticized the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Dr Sakharov's remarks yesterday appear to have vindicated the wisdom of Mr Gorbachov to free him last December. He told Mrs Thatcher that he fully supported the new reform programme and the step-by-step approach to nuclear arms agreement, which has emerged recently in the Soviet proposal on eliminating medium-range missiles from Europe.

"I told her how in my opinion the West should react to the restructuring. I said that the process of democratization in the Soviet Union was very important for our country – without it, of course, development would be impossible," the 65-year-old scientist said. "It is also important for the world as a whole."

During the lunch, which lasted more than an hour, Dr Sakharov did not raise individual human rights cases but did voice his strong concern about Soviet prisoners of conscience still being detained for their beliefs in prisons, labour camps and psychiatric hospitals.

The bespectacled physicist, whose Moscow flat has again become a clearing house for information about the diffuse dissident community, told the Prime Minister that about 100 political dissenters had been freed since last month's announcement by the Kremlin that 300 cases were coming up for review.

"This is a huge event, very important for us," he said. "A few years ago, even not very long ago, we did not consider this possible . . . but now it is a fact."

Later, British sources said Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, had submitted a list of more than 100 human rights cases to Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart. They said that Mr Gorbachov later informed Mrs Thatcher that the cases would continue to be considered, with positive results if possible.

Mrs Thatcher will this morning hold an even more controversial meeting when she breakfasts with Mrs Iosif Begun and other leading Jewish "refuseniks" at the embassy.

A marriage of minds emerges from Kremlin tête-à-tête

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

Despite strong differences on important topics such as human rights and arms control, there were clear indications from Soviet and British sources yesterday that Mr Gorbachov and Mrs Thatcher have built up a strong personal rapport during meetings and meals which have lasted more than 10 hours.

The front-page picture of them cosily sharing an antique Kremlin sofa published by *Pravda*, the official Communist Party paper, showed the Soviet leader with such an abnormally fulsome smile on his face that one Muscovite remarked with surprise: "They look more like a newly-married couple celebrating their wedding than two leaders who are supposed to have disagreed on almost everything."

The paper carried the text of Mrs Thatcher's hard-hitting speech at Monday night's Kremlin banquet and British diplomats said that at first sight it appeared that no deletions had been made.

Explaining the personal chemistry that was first observed when the two met in London in December 1984, before Mr Gorbachov took over the Kremlin leadership, a West European diplomat said: "It appears to be based on mutual respect for each other's sharp minds more than anything else. Whatever the cause is, there is no doubt that the chemistry is there."

Even Soviet officials normally cynical about Mrs Thatcher's domestic and foreign policies appeared impressed by her press conference yesterday, the most overcrowded ever remembered in the Soviet Foreign Ministry's cavernous information and press centre.

"She is a very good talker, and there is no doubt that she created a favourable impression," one senior official told *The Times*. Questions from Soviet journalists were less personally hostile than some diplomatic observers had expected. Speaking about her relationship with the Kremlin leader, Mrs Thatcher told reporters: "I have been rewarded with a remarkable insight with Mr Gorbachov in our very extensive talks. Indeed, I cannot ever remember having spent so much time in discussion with another world leader."

> A chemistry based on mutual respect for each other's sharp mind

Among ordinary Soviet citizens, the well-publicized visit (which has appeared nightly on Soviet television news since Mrs Thatcher's plane touched down on Saturday) has caused similar enthusiasm to that with which the British appeared to have reacted to Mr and Mrs Gorbachov's visit to London in 1984 – when one pro-Thatcher paper approvingly dubbed them "the Gucci comrades".

British correspondents have been inundated with favourable reactions to Mrs Thatcher, most Soviet citizens emphasizing her elegance and personal femininity, which has contrasted to the "Iron Lady" image to which they were used. Many Soviet women have been vying to gain an entrance to the venues where she has been due to appear, or even to catch sight of her motorcade sweeping through Moscow's heavily policed streets.

As the *Pravda* correspondent at the press conference revealed by inadvertently addressing Mrs Thatcher as "Mr Prime Minister", many Soviet citizens find it hard to appreciate that a woman has reached such a powerful position which would still be out of reach in their own society.

"I believe that the fact that she is a woman, and a tough one at that, is one reason she has managed to achieve such a level of personal popularity in the face of political hostility," the West European diplomat explained.

Glasnost raises German expectations

Divided Thomitzek family hopes to come in from cold

From Philip Jacobson, West Berlin

Huddled in the biting wind that swirls around Checkpoint Charlie, a middle-aged woman in a threadbare fur coat is handing out leaflets to the tourists who have come to gape at the Berlin Wall. A placard round her neck demands "Freedom and Emigration Permits for the Family Thomitzek!"

Questioned by passing Americans, she explains that she is picketing Berlin's most famous crossing point to publicize the "persecution and suffering" of her relatives in East Germany.

Over a welcome cup of hot coffee, Frau Ruth Thomitzek provides more details. Her sister, Krista-Karin, a doctor, is serving a 15-year jail sentence for having tried to flee to the West with her two young children in 1979. The abortive escape attempt had been organized by a high-ranking East German military official who wanted to defect and was later sentenced to death.

According to Frau Thomitzek, her sister has spent all that time in an underground isolation cell at a secret jail. "She is now so dangerously ill that we fear for her life, but every attempt to secure her freedom is refused by the East German Government."

Four years ago, she says, her brother Hans-Jürgen, also a doctor, had formally requested permission to emigrate. "For this, he was immediately fired as head of his department and all his applications since have been rejected.

"His son Jens, who also wishes to come to the West, had subsequently refused to be conscripted into the East German Army. For this, he was sentenced to 21 months of forced labour in the coalmines, which ruined his health for good."

Not surprisingly, Frau Thomitzek is unconvinced by suggestions that relations between the two Germanys are destined to improve in the wake of Moscow's "new thinking" on international affairs.

For all Mr Gorbachov's talk of *glasnost*, she argues, the fate of her family symbolizes the continuing failure of the communist bloc to implement fundamental human rights reforms accepted in the Helsinki Agreement. "Even so, it seems that 1987 is going to be a very crucial year for all Germans, and I allow myself a little hope."

Many other Germans on both sides of the border are setting their sights rather higher. Behind the complex diplomatic minuet going on around the exchange of official invitations to this year's 750th anniversary celebrations in East and West Berlin, there is growing anticipation of change for the better.

"Don't ask exactly what to expect, because all I can tell you is that never before have I known such a sense of approaching a turning point," one influential West German journalist said. Berlin's extented birthday party could, he observed, provide an appropriate backdrop for a major diplomatic initiative, especially if the East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker, and West Berlin's Mayor, Herr Eberhard Diepgen, do eventually accept hospitality in each other's half of the divided city.

Which side is actually setting the pace towards a possible breakthrough is less clear.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the veteran West German Foreign Minister, has consistently been more enthusiastic than have his British and French counterparts on the need for a bold response to the overtures from Moscow. In Herr Genscher's view, say insiders, Bonn must seize the chance to exploit the present thaw in its *Ostpolitik* – relations with the Soviet Bloc – while the opening exists.

President Richard von Weizsäcker of West Germany, is expected to go to the Soviet Union within months, and Herr Genscher himself is said to be planning a visit.

As for Mr Gorbachov, there have been intriguing recent "authorized hints" from Soviet journalists in West Berlin that he might like to meet President Reagan when he arrives in June to join in the 750th anniversary celebrations.

Berliners love political gossip, and there is already speculation that this may presage another dramatic public relations coup from the Kremlin. Could it even be something to do with the Wall, perceived as the symbol of communist repression?

Only the most determined optimist could believe that the concrete monstrosity around West Berlin might be pulled down altogether, though one perceptive US academic argued the other day that this "would not require the Soviets to surrender a single inch of strategic real estate or to destroy a single weapon."

By the same token, it is hard to see what serious harm would result from opening a new door in the Wall for East Germans who clearly yearn to emigrate or from allowing more citizens below the age of retirement (when they may legally go west) to visit long-lost family and friends on the other side.

Then Frau Thomitzek could come in out of the cold and go home.

Beauty at centre of spy scandal

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Miss Violetta Seina, right, the Soviet woman said to have lured a Marine Corps guard into a spying scheme, is described by Americans who knew her at the US Embassy in Moscow as "a presence". She is tall, about 5 ft 9 in, with shoulder-length brown hair and striking grey eyes.

She worked for the embassy from late 1984 to early 1986, as a receptionist at the ambassador's residence, then in the office which clears household goods through Customs for diplomats. Miss Seina, now aged 26, was dismissed under a general US cutback of Soviet employees which preceded Moscow's own decision to remove all Soviet employees from the embassy later in 1986.

The case came to light in December when Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, one of two Marines accused of allowing Soviet spies into the embassy to roam around sensitive areas late at night, reported that he had had an affair with her.

Arabs told of Russian moves on Israel ties

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

The Soviet Union has quietly started telling Arab governments that it is laying the groundwork for re-establishing diplomatic relations with Israel, in what is being interpreted as a signal that the decision has already been taken.

According to Arab diplomatic sources, Moscow has in its consultations gone to great lengths to reassure Arab states that formalizing links with Israel would not be tantamount to Soviet abandonment of the Arab cause.

Nevertheless, officials from the region expect Moscow to make substantial concessions on the issue of Jewish emigration, despite Arab fears that this could lead to a massive influx of Jewish settlers and strengthen Israel's grip over the West Bank.

The discussions with Arab governments are running parallel to increasing Soviet-Israeli contacts, the latest last week at the United Nations between Mr Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Mr Aleksandr Belonogov, the Soviet Ambassador to the UN.

Perhaps as significant to observers as the closed-door meetings, have been the unprecedented public huddles between lower-level Soviet and Israeli diplomats in the UN delegates' lounge, where every public gesture is meant to be a symbol and an omen.

Although the contacts have yet to produce a breakthrough, it is understood that the timing of the Soviet overture that will restore ties will be linked to internal political developments in Israel, where the two parties comprising the coalition Government are at odds over the wisdom of conducting peace negotiations within the framework of an international peace conference.

But never before have the many pieces for staging the conference looked as ready to fall into place, and in Arab, Western European and Soviet-bloc circles, Soviet recognition of Israel in the near future is all but taken for granted.

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Accused Madrid oil dealer claims he was deceived

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

A Madrid oil merchant, accused with others of responsibility for the deaths of 583 people in 1981 by selling them cooking oil fit only for industrial use, claimed yesterday that the suppliers had deceived him by maintaining that they were sending him edible oil.

Señor Ramón Ferrero, aged 33, answering the public prosecutor on the second day of the trial, contradicted the denial given by another accused, Señor Juan Bengoechea, his supplier from San Sebastián, the day before, that he knew his customer in Madrid was selling the oil for human consumption.

Señor Ferrero said that he was neither a chemist nor an oil refiner and therefore could not know or judge the oil or what chemical treatment it had undergone.

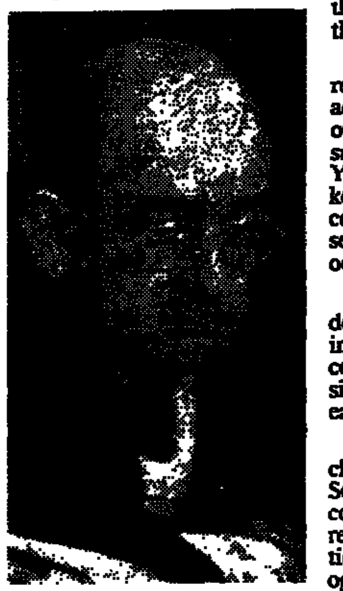
He repeatedly replied: "That is a lie" when confronted by the prosecution with the San Sebastián supplier's version.

The contradictions came in spite of court evidence that the two accused men did business for more than a year involving several consignments of the oil before the deaths started in May 1981.

The Madrid merchant denied that he had distributed the oil in the Madrid area, one of the worst affected.

Señor Ferrero told the court that he did not know it was necessary to register his firm, Raelca, with the Ministry of Health under the law.

He replied: "It is a lie", when confronted with the evidence of several itinerant vendors, who subsequently had sold his oil, that he had ever instructed them to say it was pure olive oil.


Señor Eduardo Fungairino, the chief prosecutor, listens to evidence yesterday.

He claimed that, after six years, he could not remember what label he had put on the plastic oil containers he sold.

All the 38 accused and their lawyers left the court yesterday in three small buses under massive police protection.

This avoided any repetition of the scenes outside the court on Monday when victims of the cooking oil tragedy and their relations tried to attack the accused.

On Monday night lawyers representing the victims pleaded with them not, in their own interests, to upset the smooth running of the trial. Yesterday the victims were kept well away from the courtroom and only half the seats allocated to them were occupied.

This did not prevent the defence lawyers from protesting, when the trial recommenced, that their physical safety was being threatened.

Señor Fernando Bengoechea, aged 49, the brother of Señor Juan Bengoechea and a co-accused, chose yesterday to refuse to answer any questions, invoking a right recognized by Spain's 1978 democratic constitution.

The lawyers for the victims made a counter-protest and twice Judge José Jimenez Alfaro, the presiding magistrate, temporarily adjourned the proceedings to review the matter.

The judge ordered the trial to continue, with the prosecution and the victims' counsel then spending almost three hours vainly putting their questions as Señor Bengoechea stayed silent and impassive.

The judge did not attempt to persuade the accused to cooperate in the interest of justice with the argument that it could be in his own interest.

The victims' lawyers repeatedly sought to wring from the accused answers about the possible role of a third Bengoechea brother who, they asserted, occupied a top civil servant's post in the Economic and Commerce Ministry from 1979 until the cooking oil tragedy.

Señor Ignacio Uriarte, lawyer for Spain's Consumers Protection Association which has brought a separate action against the accused, put questions to Señor Bengoechea, which sought an explanation of why the San Sebastián firm, in which he allegedly had 10 per cent of the shares, had not been inspected or sanctioned by the authorities despite alleged repeated infractions of the import licence procedures then in force.

The Prince of Wales holding up a bouquet presented by schoolchildren on the final day of his visit to Malawi.

Visit to Malawi

Prince's film gaffe drowned in delight

From Michael Hornsby, Lilongwe, Malawi

The Prince of Wales has raised some eyebrows here by recommending that Malawians see the British film *A Room With A View*, which has been effectively banned in Malawi as too explicit.

His verbal gaffe on Monday night came in a reference he made to the opening this week of a festival of British films at the offices of the British Council in Lilongwe. Unknown to the Prince, the film has not been recommended for public showing by the prudish Malawi authorities, who took exception to a scene in which three male characters caper about naked in a forest pool.

The Prince made the remarks at a dinner inaugurating the Malawi British Scholars' Association, to which the large number of Malawians who have studied in Britain are entitled to belong.

Those of them at the dinner, whose appetite for *A Room With A View* has been whetted by the Prince's recommendation, will be able to see the film only if it is shown in a private house, where the censor's writ does not run.

The Prince, whose gifts as an after-dinner speaker were much in evidence, delighted his guests by telling them that they probably knew London much better than he did.

His visit to Malawi was a big event here. The Malawi Broadcasting Corporation carried a running commentary on Sunday night on the elaborate banquet hosted by President Banda at the Sanjika Palace in Blantyre.

A budding Malawian Richard Dimbleby chronicled each stage of the proceedings in the minutest detail: "Now, as I look at the high table, I can see coffee being served, and it looks like liqueurs as well. Is it Drambuie, or do I catch a whiff of crème de menthe? No, it's definitely Drambuie."

The Prince of Wales left yesterday for Kenya, where his main engagements, as in Malawi, will be visits to projects run by the Commonwealth Development Corporation of which he is a board member.

●NAIROBI: Welsh flags were waved by British schoolchildren resident here when the Prince of Wales arrived at Kenyatta International Airport yesterday (Alastair Matheson writes).

On his way into the capital, the Prince stopped off at a new housing estate for Kenyans, built with British funds provided through the CDC. The 5,000-unit estate has set a new standard for housing development for Kenyans in the middle-income group.

Chile tense for today's papal visit

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago

Arbitrary arrests and searches of homes by secret police, and deployment of thousands of regular police in Chilean cities have been reported on the eve of the long-awaited and carefully prepared six-day visit by the Pope which starts today.

Bishop José Francisco Cox, the Chilean in charge of the Pope's programme, has had to juggle demands ranging from that of President Pinochet himself, whose request that the Pope hold a private mass for him and his family was rejected, to those of organizations of the poor, political prisoners and human rights monitors, all of whom have insisted repeatedly that the Pope see the "real Chile" during his visit.

Four hundred political prisoners are in the midst of a hunger strike which they hope the Pope's visit will help to resolve, and the illegal return to the country a week ago of the former Vice President, Señor Clodomiro Almeyda, has raised hopes that the Pope will also make a strong statement against exile.

On Monday, Señorita Carmen Gloria Quintana returned from Canada to take part in the papal visit. She is a 19-year-old university student who was burned by an army patrol during anti-government demonstrations in July. She has been in Canada for special therapy.

The papal delegation is scheduled to arrive at Santiago airport at 4 pm today when the Pope will be received by General Pinochet.

The organizers expect up to 800,000 to attend his public meetings. Large gatherings have been virtually impossible in Chile for the past 13 years of military rule. Both the organizers of the visit and the Government are nervous about papal gatherings becoming spontaneous demonstrations against the Government.

More than 80,000 people are expected to attend a meeting with young people in the national stadium tomorrow afternoon.

New clues in horror house case

Philadelphia (AP) — Investigators here are studying unsolved murders for possible links to a self-styled minister, Gary Heidnik, who is charged with keeping women captive in his basement and killing at least one.

As police continued searching Heidnik's home, a pathologist reported that human bones found near a shed in the yard indicated that the remains of one victim were fed to Heidnik's two dogs.

Mao protest

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A Chinese man tried to blow up the Mao Tse-tung mausoleum in Peking, the *Zheng Ming* magazine reported here. The man, whose parents died during the Cultural Revolution, was arrested in January near Mao's crystal coffin, with ten grenades in his case.

Bar king

Bordeaux (Reuter) — Jacky Vignal, a Bordeaux barman, has served 2,017 different cocktails in eight hours and 40 minutes, in an attempt to set a world speed record for mixing drinks.

Tehran arrest

Nicosia (AP) — Mozafar Baqaei Kermani, leader of the outlawed leftist opposition group, Zahmatkeshan or Toilers, has been arrested in Tehran, according to Iran's official Irna news agency.

Kenya denial

Nairobi — Mr Laban Kitele, national organizing secretary of the ruling Kanu party, denied in a weekend speech that he had advocated press censorship for Kenya, although he had deplored "the current smear campaign" against the Moi Government.

Base attacked

San Salvador (AP) — Left-wing rebels attacked a big military base at Paraiso, in the northern province of Chalatenango, military and civilian sources said. Rumours were circulating in the province that the guerrillas had taken the base.

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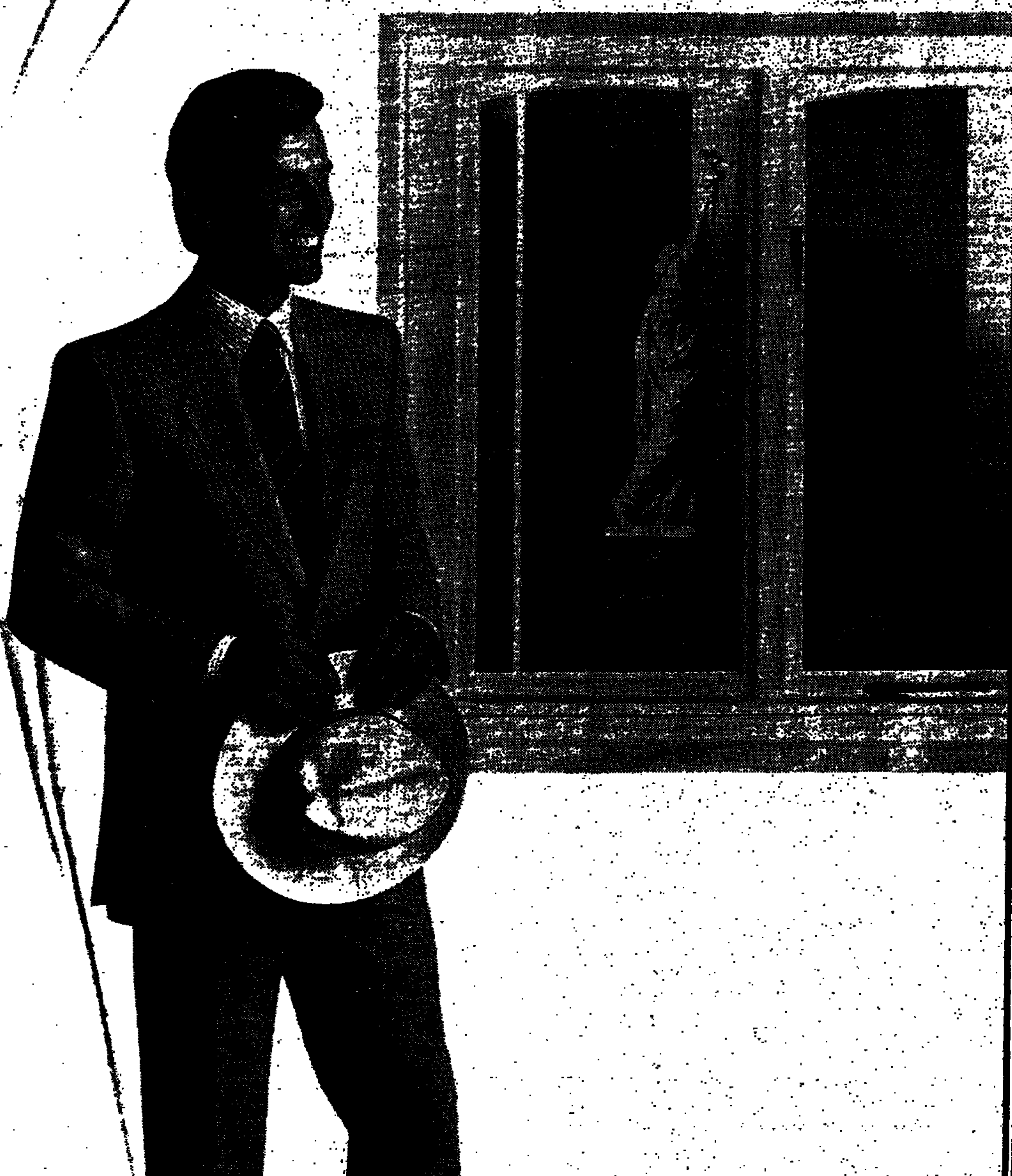

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Afghan bombing raid strengthens village support for Mujahidin

From Michael Hamlyn, Terimangal, Pakistan-Afghan border

When Suleiman Khel went back to his shop yesterday, to dig out some timber from the mound of mud and stones which is what remained after the Afghan Air Force had bombed it, he found another body buried on the doorstep. It was a bearded man, not anyone he recognized, a customer no doubt for the smuggled cloth which was his speciality.

Flies buzzed around the hideously mangled bazaar of this town, and there was a gagging smell of death. The body was perhaps the 100th body to be excavated from the ruins but no one is keeping an accurate count any more. They estimate that perhaps 200 more people are still under the rubble.

Terimangal, a brown town, nestled in a hollow in the brown hills that form the border, is noted for its bazaar full of smuggled goods, cloth, Kalashnikov rifles and heroin. The actual border is a few hundred yards away at the top of hills that mark the end of the gently rising plain of the Parachinar salient jutting into Afghanistan.

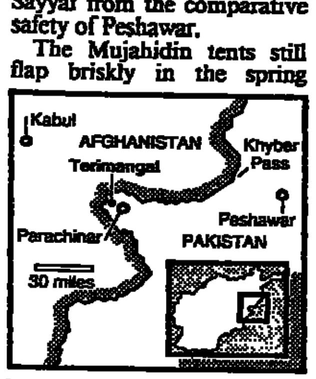
This is a virtually lawless country, where every shepherd carries an AK47, lightly governed by Pakistan through the Tribal Agency system. Here the Afghan Mujahidin guerrillas, fighting their *jihad* (holy war) against the Soviet occupation of their country find shelter, a staging post for their supplies and a market for their contraband.

Down the road in Parachinar, the headquarters of the Kurrum Tribal Agency, is an International Committee of the Red Cross casualty station for such wounded fighters as may survive the dreadful journey out of Afghanistan.

A mile or so outside Terimangal itself, while Mr Khel was excavating his shop, a detachment of Mujahidin lounged in the grass with their horses idly cropping, waiting for the dark which would cover their movement over the hills with cases of ammunition for the fighters.

Though the 2,000 inhabitants of Terimangal have almost all fled since last week's bombing, they used to be outnumbered anyway by a shifting population of around 3,000 Afghans belonging in the main to the guerrilla groups led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, an engineer, and Professor Abdul Rasool Sayyaf from the comparative safety of Peshawar.

The Mujahidin tents still flap briskly in the spring breeze opposite the bazaaar, and the river valley below is littered with the bodies of 20 or more horses that they had assembled there.



When the planes appeared over the snow-topped hills Raies Khan, aged 18, whose family owns a row of shops, was having his lunch at home on the far side of the river. He counted eight jet planes making the raid. It was just noon and the bazaar was crowded. The planes made several passes, machine-gunning and bombing. A mosque was destroyed, an outrageous sacrilege for this fundamentalist Muslim area.

A detachment of Kurrum Militia stationed in a square stone-built fort above the town fired a Stinger missile at the attackers. It missed.

After the raid was over Raies Khan ran to the bazaar. People were lying in tumbled heaps, weeping, wounded, bleeding. Many had limbs torn off. The population began packing up to leave and moved in a straggling convoy to other villages or to Parachinar.

"No," Muzzafir Khan, whose father and brother were killed in the raid, said. "It will not stop us supporting our Afghan brothers."

Suleiman Khan, a sharp faced man in a gold pill-box cap said: "The *jihad* is a sacred duty, and martyrdom gains a very distinguished reward." He shouldered his own Kalashnikov. "I got this inside Afghanistan, fighting alongside the Mujahidin in Paktia province, when the Russians and Afghans moved close to the border.

"The Afghan forces think that they can cultivate enmity between the local people and the Afghan Mujahidin with these raids, so that we shall compel them to vacate the area. But this is our joint struggle against communism."

Many of the men of Terimangal have been inside Afghanistan to assist the guerrillas, because they both share a deep-seated Islamic fundamentalism. For them it is a holy war. They disapprove of "the pro-Moscow line" of the Pathan political leader Wali Khan — "No good," said Muzzafir Khan, without the aid of interpreter — and they like the politics of President Zia of Pakistan, "because he is promoting an Islamic system".

This is a hard land of stones and rocks and extremes of weather. The people are hard and resistant like it. Terimangal was napalmed two years ago and its bazaar burnt. They rebuilt it.

Now? *"Insha'Allah,"* said Suleiman Khel, "I will rebuild my shop again."

Line's end for Japan's railways

Debt-ridden JNR privatized

From David Watts, Tokyo

The plaintive whistling of an old steam engine echoing over Tokyo yesterday marked the end of 115 years of nationalized Japanese National Railways (JNR).

When Japan goes to work today it will be in trains owned and run by private companies which took over the management of the national railway system at midnight.

The steam engine was running back and forth near Shimbashi, where Japan's first rail service — the Tokyo-Yokohama line — started in 1872. Like many other sites owned by the old JNR throughout the country, it will be sold to help to pay off the enormous debts that the system has piled up over the years. At midnight JNR's liabilities stood at some 37,500,000,000,000 yen (£158,938 million) of which the new companies and the JNR Liquidation Agency, which ishandling the transition, will have to accept a total of 14,600,000,000,000 yen.

The ultimate political pork barrel in Japan, JNR has not made money for 20 years in spite of running what is probably the best known, most extensive and successful network of high-speed trains in the world, the Shinkansen, or Bullet trains.

The national system has been broken up into six regional passenger railway companies, one freight company and several related companies, to be known as the JR Group.

As the new companies take over, 61,000 of the present 276,000-strong workforce become redundant. Of these, about 20,000 are taking voluntary retirement and another 41,000 are being found jobs in the private sector.

Only about three of the new firms will be able to return a profit in their first year of operation and even these are going to have to rely on almost anything but rail transportation to get into the black. The businesses they are being forced to expand into include mushroom growing, book selling and running bars and restaurants.

The privatization of the railways is seen as one of the main tasks of the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, before he leaves office. It will relieve the Government of an enormous burden of national debt, but whether it will lead to improved services has yet to be seen.

There is no doubt that the Government's magic wand will not bring easy solutions to the railways' problems. The new companies are emerging just as the Government is slowly loosening the ties restraining more competition among airlines which serve many of the same routes as *JR*.

Philippines drive against rebels

Manila (Reuter) — The Philippines Army said yesterday it had launched a big offensive against communist rebels in the north as police reported two more urban guerrillas killed in the capital.

The army spokesman, Colonel Honesto Isleta, said that military investigators had detained Captain Vicente Cejoco, a former aide to the deposed President Marcos, over a bomb blast which killed four people at the Philippines Military Academy last month.

Colonel Isleta said almost 2,000 troops began a series of large-scale air and ground assaults on rebel bases in the mountains of Kalinga-Apayao province on Sunday to flush out New People's Army guerrillas and trap communist leaders and rebels reported to be holding a clandestine summit meeting.

The offensive began on the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of the New People's Army and is the biggest since the end of a 60-day ceasefire on February 8.

Police in Manila said special squads killed two more members of the urban guerrilla hit squads early yesterday, bringing to seven the number of rebel gunmen said to have been killed in the capital in the past week.

Colonel Isleta said investigators were questioning Captain Cejoco over the academy bombing but he had not yet been charged. Captain Cejoco, a naval officer, was a military aide to Mr Marcos

Meanwhile, Mr Ramon Felipe, the chairman of the Philippines Commission on Elections, yesterday called for the disbanding of armed vigilante groups, which are increasingly being used by the military in its counter-insurgency campaign.

Airline closes gap with a lost outpost

**From Andrew McEwen
Gaborone**

The last time Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, KCMG, travelled to Gaborone, then a forgotten rail stop of the British Empire, the journey took nine days.

Yesterday, 51 years later, he flew back in 12 hours on board the inaugural flight of the first direct commercial service between Britain and Botswana, run by British Caledonian.

After 31 years in far-flung British outposts and many years in retirement, Sir Edwin, aged 78, was returning to the roots of his colonial service. Gaborone, then no more than a station, a jail, an official residence and a nearby African village, was his first posting at the then decent salary of £250 a year.

When he climbed into his wicker passenger seat on board the radial-engined Handley Page Hannibal at Croydon Airport in 1936, the journey ahead involved three changes of aircraft and three different steam trains.

Imperial Airways would not have thought a service viable to the dusty impoverished protectorate of Bechuanaland, as it was then, even if it had been possible.

Its direct successor, British Airways, was of the same opinion until last year, when British Caledonian applied for a licence for the route. It then attempted to block it.

Mr David Coltman, managing director of British Caledonian, said during yesterday's flight that the essence of the British Airways case before the Civil Aviation Authority was that the flag carrier might wish to use Botswana as an alternative to Johannesburg if Whitehall imposed sanctions against South Africa.

The journey ahead involved three changes of aircraft

British Airways also suggested that its rival's real motive was to corner the market in departing whites if South Africa's problems escalated. Botswana would provide the nearest route for many of the million South Africans eligible to live in Britain.

Mr Coltman insisted yesterday that such considerations played no part in his assessment of the new route's viability.

But diplomatic sources point out that Gaborone's importance as an air route will increase greatly if President Kaunda of Zambia and Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, carry out their threats to close all air services with South Africa.

"They cannot afford to do it, but they have so thoroughly impaled themselves that it's hard to see how they will get off the hook," one said.

The sources were unanimous that Botswana, politically moderate and economically tied to South Africa, would not swerve from its policy of refusing to take part in sanctions.

In Sir Edwin's day, regional politics carried much less excitement.

The most celebrated event occurred when a tribal chief had two poor whites caned for dallying with local girls. A British gunboat dispatched a party of sailors to put down the "rebellion", but found themselves being helped by the locals to push their artillery out of the sand.

Tribesmen coming in from the Kalahari desert with stories of finding diamonds were only half believed at the time. Commercial quantities were discovered only after the British had departed. Today Botswana is the world's third largest diamond producer and one of the most economically and politically stable countries in Africa.

Two whites were caned for dallying with local girls

But some things do not change. When Sir Edwin drove the 1½ miles from the railway station to his Residence in 1936, a leopard loped along the road beside him. Yesterday, as he landed in the McDonnell Douglas DC10, the heaviest airliner to put down at Gaborone, a panicky ostrich fluttered away from its path.

Anti-Vietnam war film wins four Oscars

Marlee Matlin, the deaf actress, signalling "I love you" after having received her Oscar for best actress for her role in *Children of a Lesser God*; below, Elizabeth Taylor with Oliver Stone, best director, and producer Arnold Kopelson, both award winners with *Platoon*.

Hollywood praise for a picture it refused to finance

From Ivor Davis, Hollywood

***Platoon*, the powerful anti-Vietnam war film which was turned down by every leading film studio in Hollywood before being brought to the screen with English backing after 10 years, dominated the 59th annual Oscar awards on Monday night, by collecting four Oscars, including two of the most senior, for best film and best director.**

Oliver Stone, the director and writer, who based the film on his experiences as a young officer in Vietnam, called his win "a Cinderella ending, the end of an 18-year dream".

For more than a decade doors were slammed in his face when he tried to have his picture made. It was eventually financed by Hemdale Pictures, a company owened by an Englishman, John Daly. An enormous box office hit, having taken more than $100 million (£62.5 million), it opens in this country at the end of this month.

Mr Stone said that the Hollywood entrepreneurs kept telling him that his film was not commercial: " 'No one wants to see something so grim and so depressing.' " To him, however, the "important thing was to get the truth out.

The success of the modestly budgeted picture, with no big stars, shows that Hollywood has turned a major corner and is at last acknowledging that there is more to cinematic war than the gung-ho John Wayne and Rambo comic book depictions.

The Oscar awards were headed with that of best actress for a newcomer, Marlee Matlin, the deaf actress, in her first film role, as the hearing-impaired woman in *Children of a Lesser God*.

There were also trophies for a couple of big names who finally won after many years as also-rans.

Paul Newman, who had been nominated six times, was seventh time lucky and won the trophy for best actor for his role as the pool-hall veteran in *The Color of Money*. He played "Fast Eddie" Felson, the character he portrayed in the 1961 classic *The Hustler*, for which he was also nominated for an Oscar.

This year he beat Bob Hoskins, the Cockney actor, William Hurt, Dexter Gordon and James Woods, for the award.

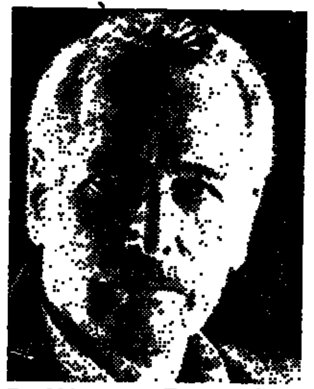
Michael Caine, fourth time lucky, won the Oscar for best supporting actor for his role as the philandering husband in Woody Allen's bitter-sweet comedy *Hannah and Her Sisters*.

Michael Caine: best support for *Hannah and her Sisters*

Like Newman, Caine, who is filming *Jaws IV* in the Bahamas, was not present at the ceremony to collect his statuette.

Unlike previous years no one film scooped the pool. *Platoon* took four Oscars, while *Hannah and Her Sisters* and the superbly photographed British picture *Room With a View* won three each.

***The Mission*, the powerful and acclaimed film made by Roland Joffe about the struggle of two priests to save the Indians in the South American jungle and starring Jeremy Irons and Robert DeNiro, received one award, for cinematography.**



Paul Newman: Fast Eddie at last potted best actor award.

The Winners

The full list of Oscar winners:

Best Picture: Platoon

Best Actor: Paul Newman (The Color of Money)

Best Actress: Marlee Matlin (Children of a Lesser God)

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Michael Caine (Hannah and Her Sisters)

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Dianne Wiest (Hannah and Her Sisters)

Best Director: Oliver Stone (Platoon)

Best foreign-language film: The Assault The Netherlands

Best screenplay based on an adaptation from another medium: Ruth Prawer Jhabvala (A Room with a View)

Best original screenplay: Woody Allen(Hannah and Her Sisters)

Best achievement in sound: John (Doc) Wilkinson, Richard Rogers, Charles (Bud) Grenzbach, Simon Kaye (Platoon)

Best sound effects editing: Don Sharpe (Aliens)

Best costume design: Jenny Beavan and John Bright (A Room with a View)

Best original score: Herbie Hancock (Round Midnight)

Best art direction: Gianni Quaranta, Brian Ackland-Snow, Brian Savegar, Elio Altramura (A Room with a View)

Best cinematography: Chris Menges (The Mission)

Best short subject documentary: Women — for America, for the World (Producer Vivienne Verdon-Roe)

Best visual effects: Robert Skotak, Stan Winston, John Richardson, Suzanne Benson (Aliens)

Best documentary feature: a tie beween Artie Shaw: Time is all You've Got (Producer Brigitte Berman); and Down and Out in America (Producers Joseph Feury and Milton Justice).

Best original song Take My Breath Away by Giorgio Moroder and Tom Whitlock, from the film Top Gun.

Best makeup: Chris Walas and Stephan Dupuis The Fly.

Best animated short film: A Greek Tragedy (Producers Linda Van Tulden and Willem Thijssen).

Best live action short film: Precious Images (Producer Chuck Workman).

Best film editing: Claire Simpson (Platoon).

News chief dismissed by Ershad

**From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka**

The Bangladesh Government yesterday sacked the editor-in-chief of the state-controlled *Dainik Bangla* newspaper group, Mr Shamsur Rahman, for accusing the authorities of denying fundamental rights in the country and of engaging in corruption and economic mismanagement.

Mr Rahman, who is also Bangladesh's poet laureate, was among 31 intellectuals who signed a statement published on Monday demanding the establishment of an interim government followed by fresh elections.

The statement also accused President Ershad's Government of making "a farce" of democracy, and warned against the involvement of the armed forces in politics.

The Government described the opposition statement as "irrelevant and imprudent".

Mr Rahman, aged 57, first fell into disfavour with the authorities in January when he organized a parallel festival of national poets in opposition to a government-sponsored event.

He had held his post with *Dainik Bangla* since 1977 and has in the past been honoured by the Manila-based Press Foundation of Asia.

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Connells Estate Agents	11/12/85	19/2/86	167p	217p	£66,775
Wire & Plastics	26/2/86	19/3/86	388p	478p	£78,561
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Research down the brain drain

Demoralized British scientists are easy prey for cash-rich American campuses. Alan Franks visits a team caught up in the deepening crisis

There is a splendid, impossibly complex machine – a sort of hi-tech Heath Robinson contraption – which stands in the sedate surroundings of Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory. It is a gigantic tangle of stainless steel, full of lenses, knobs and screens, and would just about fail to fit into an average-sized suburban drawing room. To the layman it is no more comprehensible in its functions than Concorde's flight deck. It is, however, considerably cheaper, and probably just as useful. But today its future is less secure.

On any given working day the gadget, which is in essence a mega-microscope, is surrounded by a bevy of scientists and research students who tend it, train it and learn from it as though it were an immense child prodigy. During their less busy moments, which are few, the younger ones might be caught playing advanced computer games on one of its screens.

The object is called a STEM (Scanning Transmissions Electronic Microscope); it costs £300,000, and is the centrepiece of a 30-man research project studying "the electron microscopy of materials used in high temperature plant".

The team is one of many holding its breath in anticipation of the next round of grants to be made this month by the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC).

This particular group estimates that it needs another £30,000 for the coming financial year if it is to continue performing efficiently. There are two causes for anxiety; first, it is competing for funds with several hundred other units, and second, the SERC itself is now under acute pressure through having to finance the recent 24 per cent increase in research workers' salaries. Something has got to give.

The tight-knit and intensely committed team at the Cavendish is small by comparison with many others receiving support from the SERC, whose total annual budget is £350 million. But, like most of its sister projects, it argues that although its work may appear arcane, it will, if allowed to continue with a proper level of finance, produce results of tangible benefit to industry and society.

Its own research provides a good example of that thesis; the giant microscope in the Cavendish is, in lay terms, a device for supplying minute X-rays of the composition of metals. It is a continuation of research pioneered 15 years ago by Liverpool metallurgist Albert Crewe, who now works at Chicago University and was thus a forerunner of the much-feared scientific and medical brain-drain to the United States.

Co-leader of the group is 51-year-old Dr Mick Brown, a stoical but quietly passionate bear of man. Born in Canada, educated at Birmingham, he has worked in England since 1960 – a rare example of what might be termed the brain-gain. With the patience of a professor talking to a scientific illiterate, he explains that his work, and that of his colleagues, could have a dramatic effect on determining the safety levels of components in manufacturing plants and power stations, both nuclear and conventional.

Graham Wood

Britain's breadline boffins: Dr Mick Brown and his research team with the STEM machine at Cambridge, fighting for funds for further research

"There are in all metals things that we call grain boundaries, which are, if you like, points at which the structure changes from one orientation of crystal to another. When metals carry heavy loads, these boundaries can become points of weakness. They are weak links in a chain. These grain boundaries are absolutely tiny, of an atomic dimension, and it's an extremely odd thought that an entire load is effectively being carried by such a thin little film within the metal. Our technique is to try to evaluate the chemical content of these boundaries."

It would not be a gross overstatement, Dr Brown says, to argue that an improved knowledge of metallic make-up could help avert major industrial catastrophes by monitoring the effects of wear and tear on all parts of the structure. More significantly, he believes it is now possible to determine the extent to which radiation takes its toll on the fabric of nuclear plants.

What, then, would be the effect of the engineering board, the largest of four within the SERC, denying an extra £30,000 (which represents about 15 per cent of the present payroll)? Would it mean that the entire project would be halted for want of a nail?

"Oh no. That would be putting it too strongly," said Dr Brown. "What it *would* mean is that planning ahead, which is absolutely essential here, would be made much harder. In order to keep this forward planning up to scratch, we need to be able to employ a research student and a post-doctoral worker. Without either of these, the effectiveness of the whole operation is compromised."

It would also mean that Brown's team, like many other research units, would be compelled to go, cap in hand, to the private sector. Already he has forged links with companies who recognize the value of his work – Tube Investments, Delta Metals, BP, Pilkingtons and several others. But, as he himself engagingly puts it: "It comes down to turning contacts into contracts".

Three other vital, if less immediately perceivable, effects are feared within the scientific community if research funding is not increased. First, teams like Brown's would be unable to fulfil their secondary role so well – to offer employment to young graduate students; second, demoralization would set in, which would in turn affect performance; and third, an increasing number of qualified young scientists would emigrate to the lusher pastures of the transatlantic campuses.

In Dr Brown's own team, for example, a research student can expect to earn £5,000 a year, compared with about three times that figure in the US. He himself earns £19,000, and has been "headhunted" several times by American universities. He concedes that the brain drain has become "a stark reality . . . I think it is having its effect mainly on young researchers in their late twenties, the ones who leave for the States after they have done their first job over here, or else after they have completed their PhD."

Why, then, has he not been tempted to go back "across the pond", from where he came? Here he is, in the prime of his professional life, having salaries of $70,000 dangled before him; it is a filthy Saturday afternoon on the outskirts of the city, with drizzle being blown down his terraced cul-de-sac by a bitter fenland wind; there are fierce battles ahead, even if that £30,000 does finally come through; his younger colleagues might receive offers they can't refuse at any minute; industry is not coughing up as it might because so many companies regard the SERC support as a way of getting their research done for nothing; and so on and so on. Why *does* he stay?

There is no pause here, simply: "My wife is English. We love Cambridge. I love my work." As he speaks, he glances out of the window, possibly in the direction of the Cavendish and the implausible machine which awaits his urgent attention.

Additional reporting by Sophie Witter

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'The sky in America is indeed the limit'

The seduction of Professor Colin Blakemore was inevitable. The youngest ever professor of physiology at Oxford and a former Reith lecturer, who has been actively wooed by some eight American research centres, has returned home for now, but sooner or later he will pack his bags and move his wife and three young daughters to partake of what Californians call "the good life".

Over three crowded days last week Blakemore, aged 42, was given tours of research labs from San Francisco to Los Angeles, and wined and dined in all-out efforts to persuade him to bring his brain research skills to the West Coast.

The British boffin, openly disenchanted by the research picture in Britain, was sent a first-class round trip ticket from London to California and treated like visiting royalty from the moment he set foot on American soil.

At Davis University, some 75 miles from San Francisco, Dr James Castles, dean of the medical school, took him to see what was happening in research departments and on the thriving 18,000-student campus. After that, in Los Angeles he was picked up at the airport by Professor Wilfrid Mommaerts, head of UCLA's physiology department, and taken to meet UCLA's medical school dean and the head of research. "It was all very low-key, very friendly," Mommaerts says. "There was no hard sell, just the chance for us to show off what we have here."

'The British boffin was treated like visiting royalty'

Blakemore was impressed by the opportunity to nearly quadruple his salary to well over $100,000 a year, and by the fringe benefits and the outdoor California lifestyle; but above all, he says, he was excited by the optimistic talk of well-funded research projects.

"The sky in America is indeed the limit," says Professor Morton Bradbury, chairman of the biological chemistry department at Davis, who left Portsmouth Polytechnic six years ago and says he has never regretted the move. Three of his eight staff are also from Britain.

"In 1979 I was worried about government research cuts," Bradbury explains. "At my level I thought we were going to be hit hard, but I always felt that places like Oxford and Cambridge would not be affected. I was wrong.

"I know research heads in America are getting more and more inquiries from senior people in Britain. The spirit there is low, and when younger researchers see their despondent department heads wanting to leave, they are not encouraged to stick around."

Bradbury points out that although most researchers put working conditions and climate above salaries, the bigger pay packet is not to be sneezed at.

"If you're earning a better salary you don't have to worry about repairing your own car. Or painting your own house. The money gives you the luxury of additional freedom and more time to do what you want without routine chores."

Ivor Davis

State of the heart

In France, home computers make it unnecessary to leave the house, even to find a spouse

You wish to order some fresh *foie gras*? Find a lost dog? Book a seat at the opera? Sell your old car? Do the shopping from your armchair? Meet your dream man, or woman? In France, those are among more than 4,000 services available through Teletel, a home videotex service.

Teletel, popularly known as Minitel – after the compact terminal it uses – is similar to Britain's Prestel. But it offers much more scope.

Teletel was launched just over four years ago and 2.2 million Minitels are in use, three-quarters of them in private homes. In Britain, a decade after the launch of Prestel, there are only 70,000 terminals, half of them in offices.

The Minitel terminal, small and neat, is supplied free by the French Posts and Telecommunications (PTT). Each one costs about £200, but M. Jean-Paul Maury, director of the Teletel programme, says that the cost is recouped within the first four years of use.

Some people have become Minitel addicts, using them for 10 hours or more a day. Particularly popular are the *messageries*, or message centres, through which users can engage in anonymous, erotic conversations, or make a date with the man or woman who fits their specifications.

Some services, such as consulting PTT's electronic telephone directory, cost little more than a local phone call, though most cost 1 franc (11p) a minute.

Almost all the Minitel services are provided by outsiders, who simply plug into the PTT's-switching network. The supplier receives 62 per cent of the charge made; PTT keeps the rest.

"There is no question that the French are the world-leaders in videotex," Mr Roy Bright, former senior marketing manager for both Prestel and Minitel and now an independent consultant, says. "It is not just a question of technology, but how you put the whole package together to make it easily accessible, attractive, up-to-date and relevant, and that is what Minitel has done."

And the future? There is talk of using Minitel for voting in elections, provided fraud and secrecy problems can be overcome.

Diana Geddes

Spreading the words

James Roose-Evans combines a career in the theatre with off-stage roles of priest and agony uncle

James Roose-Evans, author, adapter, ex-actor and priest, has certain long-standing difficulties with journalists, and they with him. The reason he gives is that he is a "multi-layered cake . . . or perhaps one of those Italian ice-creams, except that I hope I am not on the point of melting."

Apparently not. He has just published a book, *Inner Journey, Outer Journey*, about the process of finding a spiritual centre in everyday life, and he has been writing and directing a show called *In Search of Joyce Grenfell*, starring Maureen Lipman. In the next 12 months he will also be directing *Chesterton* at the Westminster Theatre, a one-man play of his own composition about the resurgent G. K., as well as a revival of James Bridie's *Daphne Laureola*.

He was also responsible for the film adaptation of Helene Hanff's best-selling book *84 Charing Cross Road*, selected for last week's Royal Film Performance.

Rather less well known is the fact that Roose-Evans, ordained as a non-stipendiary priest six years ago, is a sort of up-market agony uncle in *Woman* magazine, dispensing God-respecting wisdom.

At first glimpse, the two functions – the religious and the dramatic – seem ill sorted. But, he argues, both callings involve the process of subjecting our existence to a new mode of scrutiny.

His spiritual life goes back a long way: "Soon after I left Oxford, I had some sort of a breakdown. I had just started to be an actor, and I used to go to auditions. But often, on the way, I would fall into a panic and become quite unable to get there.

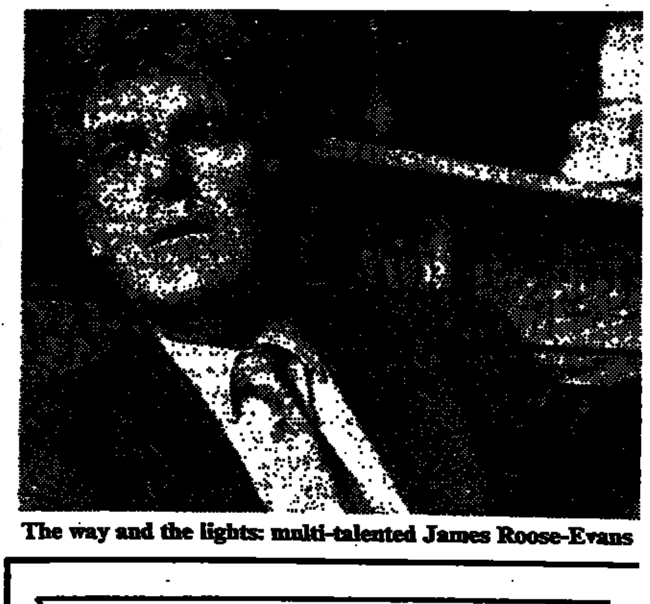
"A friend who was a priest suggested I go and see a Jungian analyst, which I did; I remained with him for years . . . I suppose I had to cope with a suffocating mother relationship and a frightening father. Somehow I was ill-equipped by my upbringing to be an adult in an adult's world. In due course all this led me to an awareness of the fact that there was another sense of reality, another level on which life is lived."

Did this mean that religion, like the church, furnished a means of escape, and the opportunity for fugitive behaviour? "No," he says. "The whole purpose of analysis is to make you realize that the human is a machine which will not function properly unless all its parts are oiled."

For the past few weeks, Roose-Evans has been sitting in Joyce Grenfell's study, sifting through her papers and the letters which she wrote weekly to her mother in the United States. "One of the points she made most forcibly," he says, "is that it is distortion which can restore a true sense of proportion." It seems pointless to ask whether he is thinking more of the church than the stage, for the answer would only be that they are there in equal measure.

Lewis Duder

Inner Journey, Outer Journey by James Roose-Evans is published by Rider and Company (£12.95).



The way and the lights: multi-talented James Roose-Evans

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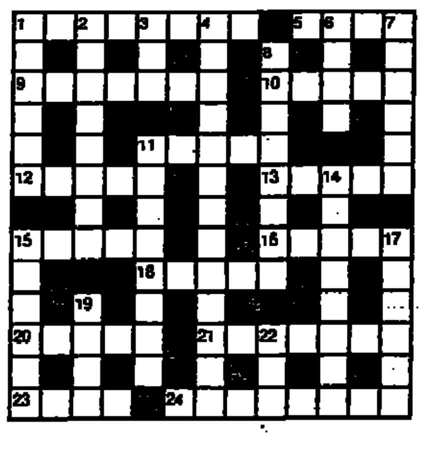

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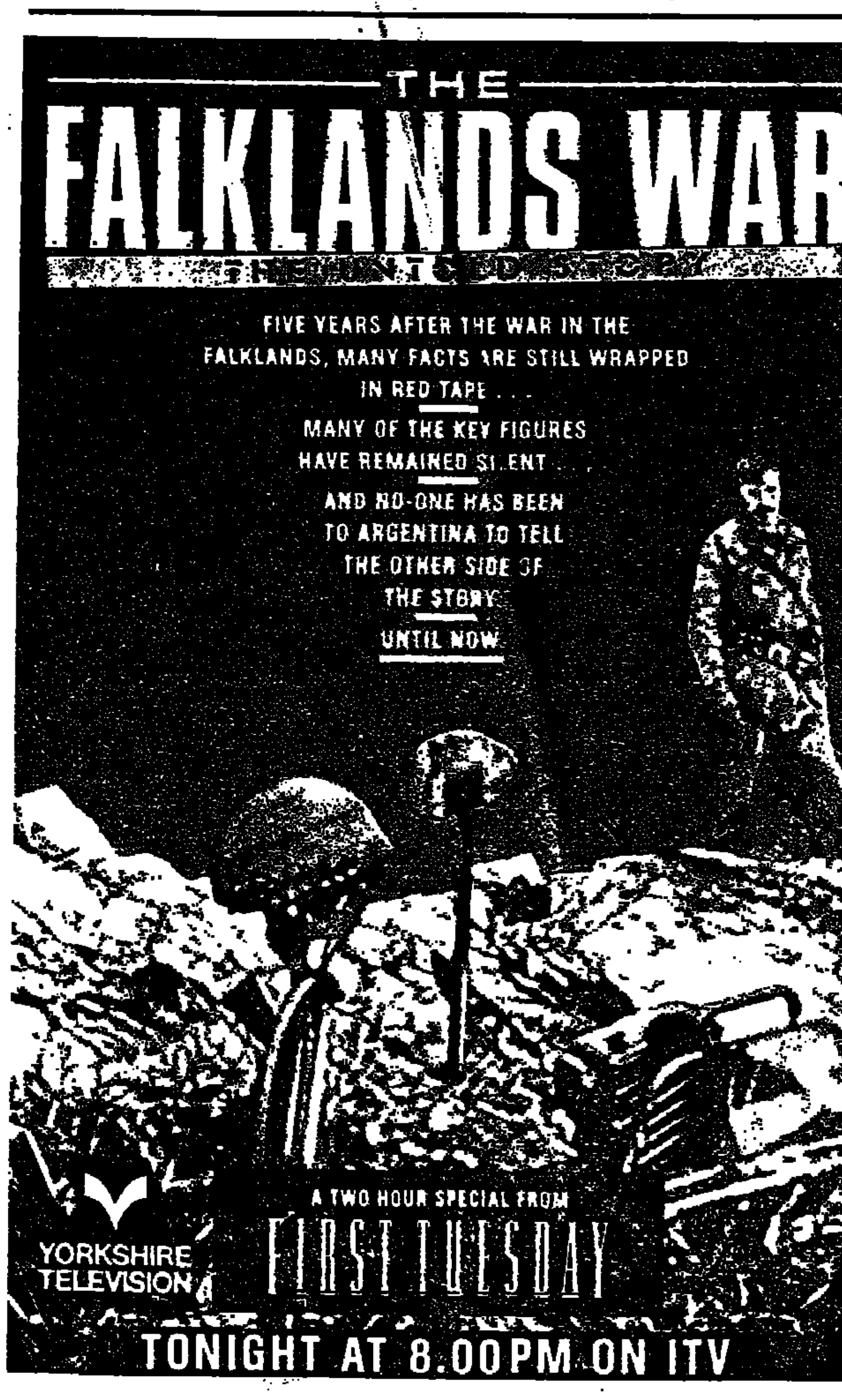
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A marriage of two churches

How will a married man – and his wife – cope with his Catholic priesthood? The Cornwells talk to Pearson Phillips

Brian Potter

Family anomaly: Peter Cornwell with his wife Hilary and their children, Elizabeth and James, preparing for a hectic Sunday timetable

Sunday mornings pose problems of immaculate timing and delicate spiritual organization for Hilary Cornwell and her family.

She, her husband Peter, 16-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter drive the three miles from their Oxfordshire cottage to Charlbury Anglican church in time for the 9.45am morning service.

Somewhere in the middle of the last hymn the male members of the family make a discreet exit and perform a three-minute dash across centuries of religious strife to Charlbury's Roman Catholic church for Mass at 11am. Mother and daughter make a more leisurely departure, driving home to put the joint in the oven.

Mrs Cornwell then goes back to Charlbury to pick up her husband and son from Mass and come home to a non-denominational Sunday lunch.

This arrangement is now heading for further complications. Peter Cornwell, 52, is one of the two former Anglican clergymen who have made British ecclesiastical history by being the first married men who have received the blessing of the Vatican to be ordained as Roman Catholic priests. In a year's time he will not just be going to Mass, he will be celebrating it.

A priest with a wife is novelty enough. But in Peter Cornwell's case the situation is made even odder by the fact that his wife is remaining determinedly Anglican. It is as though the Reformation were running through their sitting room.

Not that there is any sign of domestic conflict. They are a charming pair who indulge in much banter about their situation. He is all outward good humour with a shock of black hair that makes him look like a cheerful Hobbit. She is quieter. "We are a living anomaly," says Peter, "but who isn't?" He has noted interesting variations of behaviour between Anglicans and Catholics in church. "Anglicans arrive early and leave late, Catholics arrive late and leave early." It is easy to see how they have kept their former Anglican colleagues and friends, even though his departure from the plum job of vicar of the Oxford University Church of St Mary's was "a big thing for them to swallow".

He was something of a high-flier in the C of E, a former vice-principal of Cuddesdon Theological College and member of a church commission. "My father was a Wiltshire vicar who became an archdeacon, and my early life was evangelical in flavour." But he had developed an early interest in the ecumenical movement and the problems of Christian unity. It all came to a head for him at St Mary's, which was "scarred with church disunity, the place from which Cranmer was led to the stake, the source of all the bitterness around John Wesley and John Henry Newman".

In the end, he felt, "the argument for the C of E staying apart from Rome no longer held for me". So he left, although his Anglican roots were too strong to be severed completely – hence his visit to Charlbury's Anglican church on Sunday mornings. Even when he is a practising priest he feels he will need "some Anglican input".

Hilary had watched him coming to his conclusions and knew some time in advance what the inevitable result would be. "I understand perfectly how he felt and why he did it." But for her religion is a quieter, more personal, less flamboyant thing: "I am not at all charismatic," she says.

Her own parents were Baptists, and her grandfathers were both Baptist ministers, although she herself was raised as an Anglican. How, then, will she fit into the traditionally bachelor environment of an RC priest's home? How will she get on with the Roman Catholic ladies of the church? Will she act like an Anglican vicar's wife and run bazaars? Will she perhaps fill the traditional RC role of housekeeper?

"A bit more than that, I hope. But I have never been one of those vicar's wives who sit on committees and run things. I have never sat on a committee in my life."

"What she does," Peter says, "is run a home which is a wonderful base to come back to. But it is also an outward-looking home where others are welcomed. I hope she will just get on with that."

Does he then think that being married is going to make him a better priest?

"It helped me in the Church of England for all these years," he says. "So I don't see why it shouldn't help me in the Church of Rome. You see, we have faced these problems before. There is always a conflict between the family home and the home as a working centre of the parish. You have to keep the claims of the parish in balance with the claims of the family. It is something we are familiar with and practised at."

But there is a great difference, of course. There is already a controversy raging in the Catholic church about the validity of celibacy among the priesthood. Isn't his married presence going to fuel that controversy?

"I think that Rome is very wary of allowing this to be treated as part of that movement. That is why they have made clear that it is an exception to the rule. I didn't want to be an embarrassment and make difficulties for the Catholic church. I was assured that I wouldn't. I had to be very clear about that. I had to find out what the English RC bishops really thought about it.

What I didn't want was for them to feel that they had to do something about these poor benighted Anglican clergy, and feel that they should bring us into the priesthood out of some feeling of kindness or sympathy. I had to feel that they wanted me, even as a family man, as a priest. And I got that assurance, specifically from the Archbishop of Birmingham, Mgr Maurice Couve de Murville."

Hilary is a Cambridge graduate, and one of the first graduate trainees to be taken on to the staff of the Bodleian Library in Oxford. She was an old friend of the wife of the principal of Cuddesdon, which is how she came to meet Peter, who was then on the staff of Cuddesdon as chaplain.

He has taken great pains to ensure that there has been no pressure on his family to go the way he has gone. He is a million miles from being a zealous recruiter for the faith. "I go with Newman," he says, "who said 'I will raise my glass to the Pope, but I will raise it first to conscience'."

Even so, they sent their son, James, to a Catholic-oriented school "because it was a school that took religion seriously". James decided to become a Catholic last autumn. "It was entirely his own choice," says Peter. "He is a young man who makes up his own mind about things." Hilary adds: "He is definitely not a 'pushee'." Their daughter Elizabeth is at a girl's boarding school and has yet to come to any firm conclusions.

An exception, it may be. But when the Cornwell family entertain their new colleagues round the Sunday lunch table, I cannot see that the ideal of a celibate priesthood will remain totally unscathed.

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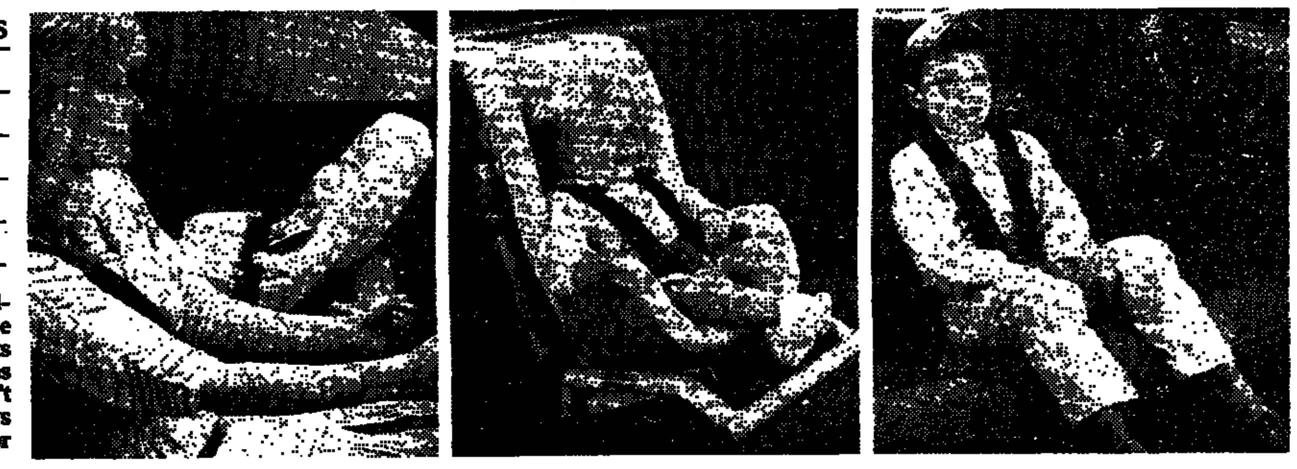
Rearguard action for clunk-click

From today new cars must by law have rear seat belts. How frequently will they be used – and to what effect?


Safety first (left to right): a baby restraint supported by a front seat belt, a rear car seat for toddlers, and a children's harness

"No one would think of holding a child five feet from the floor and dropping it on its head, yet that is what happens in a car crash if the child isn't wearing a seat belt," says Peter Bottomley, minister for roads and traffic.

Up to 9,000 youngsters are injured in cars every year. If they wore seat belts "we could save up to 3,000 children from being injured", the minister explains. "Away from the cities, your child has a greater chance of being injured in a car than as a pedestrian."

From today, it will become more common for both children and adults to wear seats belts in the rear of cars as every new car sold must by law have them fitted. But currently only 37 per cent of children and less than 10 per cent of adults wear them.

People believe that they and their children are safer in the back of a car than in the front, where they must be restrained by a seat belt by law. Bottomley fumes over this popular misconception.

Accident statistics for 1985 show that 22 per cent of all adult casualties unrestrained in the rear of a car were either killed or seriously injured, compared with 15 per cent for passengers using seat belts.

For children under the age of 14, who account for almost half the rear seat passengers, 12 per cent were killed or seriously injured, compared with 10 per cent of restrained children. More convincing is Bottomley's simple rule of thumb: children are three times as likely to be injured if they are not wearing a seat belt in the rear of a car, adults are twice as likely to be injured.

What the figures cannot show is the effect of rear passengers being thrown forwards and hitting those in the front of the car in frontal impacts, which account for 60 per cent of the accidents where people are killed or seriously injured.

The loads on the front seat occupants roughly double when struck by an unrestrained rear passenger. "So a moderate, survivable collision for a belted occupant can be turned into a fatal one even when the vehicle collision speed is relatively slow," says Dr Murray Mackay, head of Birmingham University's accident research unit.

The Government's efforts to increase the use of rear seat belts was given a huge boost last autumn by a forceful campaign on the BBC's *That's Life* programme. After the programme, sales of child restraints trebled, Bottomley says, and total sales of child restraints in 1986 reached one million, more than the number of children born.

Bottomley's view is that legislation to make rear seat belt wearing mandatory in Britain could start its slow progress through Parliament in three years' time. But he wants the legislation simply to back up a habit people have already acquired.

Britain has one of the world's best records on wearing front seat belts, so the minister's policy has already worked once. "There is no law against smoking in church, but no one does," he says. He wants wearing seat belts to be viewed in the same way.

Daniel Ward

● Last week I sat outside my daughter's primary school in North London at a quarter to nine and watched car loads of children arriving (Lee Rodwell writes). In the space of 10 minutes, 34 cars pulled up – yet in only six cases were the small passengers safely belted in.

When I asked some of the mothers about it, they gave various reasons for not having or using rear seat belts for their children.

One, driving an old-style Porsche, said: "We did ask about having rear belts fitted for the children, but the man at the garage said it would be very difficult because of the design of the car.

"It does worry me a bit. I just drive slowly. In our other car – a Granada – we have rear belts fitted and we use them. But the problem then is what happens when I take my turn on the school run and take two other children home. You just have to pray nothing happens."

Another mother, delivering two children in a Volvo estate, and with a younger toddler in the car said: "I normally use the child seat and the belt. But I'm pregnant at the moment and I can't crawl in and out to strap them up."

A third mother, driving a Volvo saloon, said she had a baby seat for the youngest child, but her older two just had to sit in the back unrestrained. A friend of mine added: "There are rear seat belts in our Citroën, but when I've strapped Katie in she has just screamed blue murder and it's very difficult to concentrate on your driving if someone is screaming in the back."

All the mothers I spoke to felt vaguely guilty about not belting up their children – a sign, perhaps, that the message is slowly getting across. As one expert pointed out, people are prepared to pay for extras like radio cassette players. But what price can you put on a child's life?

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

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Get cracking

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Quote me

"The day I'll know we've achieved equality will be the day I see one woman running a company badly – and *still* managing to stay at the top, as hundreds of men are doing." Anita Roddick, Body Shop founder.

Helpful step

It's a rare step-mother or step-father relationship which isn't fraught with some kind of stress or emotional blackmail from ex-wives or difficult children. The National Stepfamily Association has launched a phone counselling service to help any family member. The service, on 0223 460313, is available from 7-10pm on Sundays to Fridays, and also 2-5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sitting pretty

Expectant mothers with limited pockets but a craving to look chic can call Bumpsadaisy (01-226 4550), whose 68 branches hire out elegant maternity clothes, from beachwear to ball gowns. Hire charges are from £2 a week. "No marquees," they promise . . .

Living history

Throughout this summer craftspeople will be gathering in the grounds of stately homes giving demonstrations of thatching, weaving, spinning, rug-making and other traditional skills. Participants or would-be patrons of the newly-revived British arts and crafts movement are invited to get in touch with ICHF, Seaton Road, Highcliffe, Dorset for more information.

Josephine Fairley

Victim of the gods

FIRST PERSON

Vivien Cripps

Have you ever noticed that worshippers of the twin gods of Fitness and Outdoor Pursuits seem to be driven by a missionary zeal? They are convinced that they need merely to introduce the unbeliever to the joys of their religion and rapid conversion will follow.

Apostolic ardour is naturally at a peak in the zealot who decides to pick a mate from the ranks of the infidel. My partner selected a particularly unpromising specimen. His opening gambit was to suggest a short walk in the Scottish countryside. Passing references to thermal underwear and suitable boots failed to alert me.

Soon, however, unlovely in an iron-grey balaclava, borrowed boots and gaiters, I was floundering, shell-shocked, up the deep soft snow of a mountainside. Impossibly far above me, at 3,000 feet, was the ridge. Slowly it dawned that it was our goal. At each laboured step I sank thigh deep in the snow. Sleet-laden winds lashed my face. "Terrific, isn't it?" A blizzard, he said, was the only thing that could prevent us from reaching the ridge. I began to pray for a blizzard.

Thus my initiation into mountain worship. Next, he thought, I should learn to sail. The first mishap occurred when the boom struck me viciously on the head, knocking out a contact lens. The strengthening wind then apparently made it imperative for me to go out on the trapeze. This proved surprisingly exhilarating. Complacency set in too soon, however. The trapeze wire suddenly snapped and I was deposited abruptly into the sea.

Next on the agenda came water skiing. This didn't *look* too difficult. Other people were apparently able to rise effortlessly from the waves, zigzag faultlessly across the wake of the boat and even cast off one ski. I clutched the towbar and crouched in the water as the boat started up and, as the speed increased, attempted feebly to rise. My arms were yanked forward and I crashed face down in the foaming wake and was dragged along on my stomach like some captive leviathan until the boat stopped.

What other undignified variations on this theme were possible? I was to discover them all. But the holy of holies, it seemed, was rock climbing. Here my initiation rites were to include the mystery of abseiling, of belaying precipitously on a narrow ledge a hundred feet above a boiling sea, of getting humiliatingly wedged in a granite chimney . . .

The missionary's dedicated perseverance bore fruit – of a sort. Eventually I became a competent climbing second (provided the routes weren't too hard). And I learnt to windsurf, if not to water ski. This, I hoped, would be sufficient to propitiate the aforementioned gods of F and OP. But apparently not. It is a life sentence. I am assured that there are still many rewarding activities to which I have yet to be introduced. Skiing is next on the agenda. I can hardly wait.

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Clores out

As the Clore Gallery, built to house the Turner bequest, opens today, dissent in the Turner Society appear likely to erupt with a violence to equal the artist's *Battle of Trafalgar*. Dr Selby Whittingham, the society's founder, is accusing its vice chairman Evelyn Joll of "a despicable... betrayal" after Joll wrote an article in *The Times* last week in praise of the new gallery. Whittingham tells me: "The Clore Gallery can in no way whatever be claimed to fulfil the terms of Turner's will or the aims of the Turner Society. Either Mr Joll should retract or resign as vice-president of that society." His objections centre on Joll's claims that the gallery will be reuniting the Turner bequest. In fact, he says, the National will retain some of Turner's finest works, including *The Fighting Temeraire*. Joll replied yesterday: "I think it is perfectly reasonable for the National to show some Turners. I do think Dr Whittingham has become rather obsessed by this problem over the years."

● **The editors of *Vacher's Parliamentary Companion* have clearly not been following Woodrow Wyatt's long, well-documented (by himself, of course) journey from Labour's ranks. Its latest edition firmly places *La* before the name of the Lords' new cross-bencher.**

Walled in

Jaguar's boss, Sir John Egan, will be in hot water when he gets home from a trip to Japan tomorrow. His local council in Warwick is less than happy with his upkeep of an 18th century wall — part of Warwick Castle — belonging to Egan. The wall, which is listed, is shored up with timber to prevent its collapse and has been described by officers as a "dreadful mess". Following a year of unanswered letters the council's legal department has been ordered to serve a repair notice on him. Planning officer Geoff Wilson tells me the cost of putting the wall right could reach "five figures" and if Egan does not comply the council could compulsorily purchase the wall.

VIP lounge

Vernon Smith. High Commissioner of Barbados, was this week invited by Haringey Council on a VIP tour of the borough, including visits to a local school and a West Indian centre. Vernon arrived half an hour early for the greeting ceremony — which he had been told would to be held by the mayor, Andreas Mikkides — at Wood Green Civic Centre, only to be told by one of the porters that he was not expected. Smith left, crestfallen. *Eight minutes later* the greeting party duly turned up and stood on the steps looking silly for all of 90 minutes. Smith told me: "When I arrived no one attempted to help me or even suggested that I might have got the wrong place, so I left. But there are no hard feelings, of course." Haringey is investigating the matter.

● **The latest example of inspired misfiling appears on the bookshelves of W.H. Smith on London Bridge Station: *The Joy of Sex* — in the sports section.**

Nailed it

Christopher Graffius, manager of the Liberal whips office at the Commons, has had problems in performing the comparatively simple task of hanging a picture on the wall there. Having requested a hammer and nail to put up an 1950s election poster for Richard Wainwright MP, Graffius was told that he would have to go to the Serjeant-at-Arms's department, where the office keeper would fill in a requisition form. It would then be sent by internal mail to the Property Services Agency, whose workmen would carry out the work. Graffius yesterday brought in his own hammer and nail and put up the picture.

BARRY FANTONI

'It says they had a comfortable night and show a slight improvement'

Safe at last

The islanders of the tiny British dependency of Anguilla in the Caribbean can sleep easily again after the passing of the sinister sounding Genocide (Anguilla) Order 1987 in the Commons last week. It would be wrong, however, to imagine that the tiny island (population 7,000) is about to adopt a final solution. The Foreign Office tells me the order simply smooths out a constitutional hiccup caused by the split from St Kitts-Nevis in 1982, when it was left without the benefit of various British laws — including those on international terrorism, fugitives from justice and genocide.

PHS

Paul Wilkinson on a BBC film which questions American intentions

Their excuse for bombing Tripoli

BBC coverage of the bombing of Libya in April last year has *attracted political* attacks even more bitter than the criticism of its reporting of the Suez crisis 30 years earlier. In America the raid is still enormously popular, but in Britain the government is still sensitive to criticism of its decision to allow F1-11 bombers to take off from Britain.

In the light of Mr Norman Tebbit's long diatribe against the BBC's coverage and the current pre-election atmosphere, the BBC has taken the brave decision to show a controversial programme, *Twelve Minutes Over Tripoli*. The film investigates the origins of the crisis and powerfully challenges President Reagan's claim that the US had "irrefutable evidence" that the Gadaffi regime ordered and planned the terrorist bombing of a discothèque in West Berlin in which two people, including an American serviceman, were killed, and 230 injured. This was used by the US as a warrant under Article 51 of the UN Charter to make "an act of self-defence".

The programme exposes gaping holes and contradictions in the public presentation of America's case that Libya was to blame for the attack in West Berlin, and for previous attacks on American citizens, such as the Rome and Vienna airport massacres of December 1985. Its producer, Tom Bower, suggests that the wording of the intercepted messages between the Bureau of External Affairs in Tripoli and the Libyan Peoples Bureau in East Berlin was extrapolated from a mass of raw data, and given a misleading interpretation to the effect that Libya had controlled the attack in West Berlin.

Tripoli after the attack: victim of retribution or an easy scapegoat?

Bower shows convincingly that the US government statement claiming that it attempted to warn American facilities in West Berlin shortly before the bombing was false. He puts forward the theory, popular in West Germany, that the discothèque bombing was connected with Syria rather than Libya. Hasi Hindawi, brother of Nezar, who tried to bomb aan aircraft from Britain, is a prime suspect for the West Berlin bombing. A senior Italian official interviewed on the programme points out that the one terrorist captured after the Rome airport massacre claims he was trained in Syria and flew from Damascus. The programme also has little difficulty in showing that the White House wished to get rid of Gadaffi as early as 1981, and that Reagan had become the prisoner of his own rhetoric by promising decisive action against terrorists. After the 1983 Beirut bombing and the 1985 TWA hijack and the Achille Lauro hijack, this pressure became almost irresistible.

The problem with "intercepts" and other intelligence data is that the contemporary historian does not have access to sufficient information to establish the true facts, because by its very nature the full intelligence material is kept secret. Even if Libya is exonerated over the West Berlin attack, we have powerful evidence proving Gadaffi's responsibility for numerous other acts of international terrorism, such as the murder of WPC Fletcher in London in 1984. We also know that Gadaffi has assisted the Abu Nidal terrorists, for example by providing them with the Tunisian passports stolen in Libya which were found in the hands of the terrorists who committed the airport massacres.

The BBC was unable to interview the handful of Western officials who have actually seen the raw data from which the published intercepts were drawn. Moreover, the West Germans, Italians, Austrians, and the Israelis have all got their own strong reasons for putting the blame on Syria rather than Libya.

Assuming, as I believe we must, that the publicly available intelligence is at best ambiguous, judgements *about the justifiability* of the Libyan raid must hinge on other considerations. It could be argued that the raid had a general exemplary value. Some observers point to the dramatic decline in Libyan acts of terrorism in Western countries, though it is not the case that Gadaffi has abandoned terrorism. He still boasts of aiding the IRA, for example.

It can also be argued that the alarm created by the raid on Tripoli galvanized West Europeans into taking more effective action against state-sponsored terrorism, for example at the Tokyo summit. But of course it may be precisely this improved Western co-operation and Gadaffi's fear of further sanctions that has led to the drop in Libyan terrorism, and not the raid itself.

In my view, however, the decisive argument against air strikes as a method of dealing with terrorism is not political or strategic, but moral. Even if we had established beyond any reasonable doubt that Gadaffi planned the bombings in West Berlin and the massacres at Rome and Vienna, would that have fully justified a major air attack on Tripoli and Benghazi in which innocent civilians were killed and injured? It may have assuaged the US public's desire for vengeance, but is it ever right for a democracy to return terror for terror? I hope and believe that the answer of the British people would be no.

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This rush to judgment

Birth control and the mentally handicapped

Sterilisations carried out on girls under 18

By Nicholas Timmins Health Services Correspondent

Lords may rule on sterilisation of retarded girl

By Terence Shaw, Legal Correspondent

THREE Court of Appeal judges, who last week ruled

The Law Lords will try in one day of argument tomorrow to decide the disturbing case of the sterilization of a teenage handicapped girl. In Canada (parliament building above) such a judgment has been years in the making, and has come out against. Ian Kennedy and Simon Lee argue for a new standing commission in Britain to prepare legislation on medical ethics

Tomorrow the Law Lords will have their first opportunity to consider a disturbing question: should a court authorize the sterilization of a mentally handicapped young woman? The Court of Appeal has answered yes, although only as a last resort. The Canadian Supreme Court, however, in the case of *Re Eve*, has just answered the same question with a resounding no.

The Canadian Court had three advantages over the Law Lords. First it had time. It took five years for Eve's case to move from the provincial court to the Supreme Court. It took 16 months after the hearing for the Supreme Court to produce its judgment. Here the Court of Appeal reached its decision on March 23. The Law Lords are hoping to decide after only one day's argument. The rush is because everyone in the British case seems to assume, perhaps wrongly, that if the girl is not sterilized before her 18th birthday on May 20, nobody, not even the court, would thereafter be able to authorize treatment for her since statute decrees that she will then cease to be a ward of court.

The second advantage was that there were several *amici curiae*, presenting the views of interested third parties to the Canadian court so that it could benefit from the widest range of arguments.

The third helpful factor was that the Supreme Court was able to rely on the research of the Canadian Law Commission. The Law Commissions here, however, have consistently failed to address questions of medical law and ethics. Parliament equally has failed to reform the law to keep pace with medical developments and the challenges they pose. The courts meanwhile are left to solve issues of the greatest moral import, often in a rush and without the benefit of considered reflection on public policy. This has happened with teenage contraception and with abortion, it is happening with surrogacy and it may well happen with Aids. A better method is overdue. The long term solution must be to follow the US, the French and others by creating a National Commission on Medical Law and Ethics.

In the short-term, and without the Canadian advantages, what can the Law Lords do tomorrow? *At least* they have the benefit of the Supreme Court analysis to assist them, even though it was not cited in the Court of Appeal. It is not, of course, binding on our courts but it is persuasive and instructive.

Judge La Forest, giving judgment for all nine members of the Supreme Court in *Re Eve*, concluded that: "The grave intrusion on a person's rights and the certain physical damage that ensues from non-therapeutic sterilization without consent, when compared to the highly questionable advantage that can result from it, persuades me that it can never safely be determined that such a procedure is for the benefit of that person. Accordingly, the procedure should never be authorized for non-therapeutic purposes under the *parens patriae* jurisdiction."

The court agreed that sterilization may, on occasion, be necessary and lawful as "treatment of a serious malady". The crucial distinction is between sterilization for medical reasons (therapeutic sterilization), which may be permissible, and sterilization for non-medical reasons, such as for contraception, which was absolutely unacceptable to the Supreme Court.

If the Law Lords are moved to disagree with the Supreme Court's careful, well-researched and long-planned judgment, there should perhaps be time for more than one day's pause and reflection. Yet any delay poses its own problems. The statute-based wardship jurisdiction, which the Law Lords are asked to exercise, ends at age 18. Thereafter it has been assumed that the courts will be powerless.

But the Canadian Supreme Court said that this anomalous situation is not the law. Wardship is but a statutory example of a general common law principle that the state will take care of those who cannot take care of themselves *(parens patriae)*. Lord Eldon's emphatic assertion in an 1827 decision will surely commend itself to their Lordships: "It belongs to the King as *parens patriae*, having the care of those who are not able to take care of themselves, and is founded on the obvious necessity that the law should place somewhere the care of individuals who cannot take care of themselves, particularly in cases where it is clear that some care should be thrown round them." Clearly, to Lord Eldon this jurisdiction was not limited to the care of children who were minors. If the House of Lords hears argument on this point first and follows Lord Eldon and the Canadian Supreme Court, the urgency disappears. The case could then be adjourned for more measured examination of the question of sterilization.

What options merit such examination? Which option will survive their Lordships' analysis? Four possible approaches can be discerned amid the reactions of the Court of Appeal's decision.

The first is to defer to the girl's mother, guardians and doctors. Some claim that this has been the practice in this country. But Mrs Justice Heilbror rightly rejected that argument in a case decided 10 years ago. The question is not one of solely clinical judgment since it involves issues of human rights which transcend the competence of doctors.

The second approach is better but is still unsatisfactory. This is the "last resort" test adopted by the Court of Appeal. This has the advantage of removing the decision to a disinterested authority, the court, and of emphasizing that sterilization is only to be considered *in extremis*. But "last resort" needs defining, otherwise it could slip back into the first approach of what doctors deem to be the last resort.

The third method is that of the Canadian provincial court in *Eve*. The "best interests" and "last resorts" tests are spelt out in detail. Sterilization would be available only if a series of 14 difficult steps are taken. The onus is very firmly on those who are arguing for sterilization to show that it is the only solution to a real problem. They must show, for example, that the real object of the operation is to protect the girl, not her parents or other carers; that other forms of contraception would be unworkable; that there is a real danger, rather than a mere chance, of pregnancy; and that there is more compelling evidence that by the mere existence of a handicap that pregnancy would have a damaging effect. At first glance, this is the most attractive path to take as a compromise solution.

But the fourth and preferable approach is that of the Supreme Court. Even if all the provincial court's 14 hurdles could be surmounted, the Canadian Supreme Court would still not permit sterilization because, as Lord Eldon said, under the *parens patriae* jurisdiction, "it has always been the principle of this court, not to risk damage to children which it cannot repair".

What are the principles which will guide the Law Lords into choosing between these alternatives? One argument is that there is a fundamental right to procreate which no law can interfere with, except where medically necessary for the sake of the girl's present health. This argument does not assert that each woman has a right to bear children. That would fly in the face of reality. It asserts only that the state through its law may not deprive a woman of the opportunity of procreating.

To some this is an absolute right. To others it could be overridden if the state could show good reasons. But what reasons could be good enough?

The traditional legal view would be to speak in terms of the child's "best interests". This, of course, is only the start of the analysis: what does "best interests" mean and who determines this? If it means best *medical* interests, then arguably the only good reason for an exception to either right is if the operation is needed for the health of the girl. It must, therefore, be limited to existing conditions of ill health requiring treatment.

To define "best interests" more widely is to contemplate carrying out irreversible surgery performed for prophylactic purposes which are hypothetical and which would perhaps be avoided by other means. To regard this as being in a girl's best interests, when it is of no immediate benefit to her, may be to extend the meaning of best interests beyond a point that is safe for the generations which follow. Those of us who do not know all the details of the present case should not, of course, presume to comment on whether they fit within any exceptions. But we can observe that, even if they do, sterilization would not of course absolve those with responsibility for the girl from using their best endeavours to protect her from sexual exploitation. And we can still argue for the general principle against sterilization. The Canadian Supreme Court would reject exceptions beyond the therapeutic proviso by saying: no, find another way, do not use irreversible surgery to solve what are in truth social problems, the danger to human rights is too great.

There is a broader danger for human rights if parliament continues to abdicate its responsibilities. As the Supreme Court itself acknowledged in Eve's case: "Judges are generally ill-informed about many of the factors relevant to a wise decision in this area . . . If sterilization of the mentally incompetent is to be adopted as desirable for general social purposes, the legislature is the appropriate body to do so. It is in a position to inform itself and it is attuned to the feelings of the public in making policy in this sensitive area."

Hence the wider significance of tomorrow's argument is that public attention will be drawn to yet another problem of medical law and ethics where Parliament has failed to guide the judges. In future, Parliament should take on these dilemmas of modern medicine. And as a first step, it should set up an appropriate body to review the problems and put the arguments before the nation. Although our judges deploy their considerable concern and ability when confronted by these questions under adverse conditions, the present British piecemeal approach to such fundamental problems is inadequate. Issues of human rights deserve more than their day in court.

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John Rae

Where teachers make the law

How is it that when a group of teachers defy their education authority and encourage children to adopt a hostile attitude towards the police, there is apparently nothing the education authority or the government can do about it?

"We have the view that the police are against the community, they do not support the community, they harass the community, particularly the ethnic minorities . . . police are politically motivated . . . they criminalize our youth, they criminalize the community."

The speaker was a white, senior teacher in a comprehensive school in Stockwell, south London, and a former president of the Inner London Teachers Association, the London branch of the NUT. He used these assertions in a television discussion with me last week to justify the association's rejection of police involvement in education. The discussion was prompted by its refusal to allow police into schools to show a video on child abduction made jointly by the police and the Inner London Education Authority.

Ilea wants the police to help present the video to schoolchildren; the Inner London Teachers will not let them because — as the quotation indicates — they regard the police as the arm of a repressive state.

The day before that television discussion I spent the afternoon at the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham talking to members of its youth association. The PC Blakelock murder trial at the Old Bailey was reaching its climax so, although we were supposed to be discussing a project in second-chance education, a feeling of intense hostility towards the police frequently intervened. It was not just the young who were bitter. One older woman told me that when she came to Britain more than 30 years ago she respected and trusted the police. It was about the time that the film *The Blue Lamp*, that apotheosis of the decent bobby, was being shown. Now she would not even think of asking a policeman the way. For her, the blue lamp has been extinguished.

That afternoon was an instructive experience for me, having emerged so recently from the middle-class security of a public school headmastership. Around Westminster the policeman called you "Sir" and seemed to have been selected for their physical resemblance to Jack Warner, the *Blue Lamp star*. That the police present a different face to the less favoured areas of the capital, particularly to blacks, I have no doubt, not because they are "politically motivated" or racially prejudiced, but because we have allowed the mutual trust, on which all good policing depends, to be eroded. I say "we" because there is a tendency to see this as a local problem. Even the Home Office spokesman said the ban on the police entering schools concerned only "two small boroughs in London".

The task of building trust between the police and the alienated communities concerns us all. But we will not succeed as long as youngsters remain hostile and suspicious. It is crucial therefore that the police are involved in education and not only because, as Lord Scarman argued: "Police assistance in the education of children in the fundamentals of an ordered society can be of great value." Just as important is the neutral context the school provides for the police and the young to have what in diplomatic language would be called "a full and frank exchange of views".

The importance of a police contribution to education is recognized both by the Metropolitan Police and by Ilea. The Met's Schools Involvement Programme works well in the majority of London schools. But not in all. Where the Inner London Teachers Association has the support, or the frightened acquiescence, of the head and the governors, the police are excluded.

It may be argued that for the head or governors to take disciplinary action would inflame the situation. Let me be inflammatory and say that I think these teachers should, after due warning, be dismissed. That is what would happen in other walks of life.

But dismissed by whom? The Education Secretary says it is for Ilea to put its house in order. Ilea says it has no power to dismiss a teacher unless the head reports that the teacher refuses to comply with a reasonable instruction.

In February, Ilea wrote to all heads stating categorically that teachers "have no authority" to impose a boycott of the police. But the boycott continues and society watches powerless as these teachers, by their action and their words, encourage children to see the police as enemies.

The irony is that the situation could be made even worse if the Conservatives — concerned about the policies of left-wing authorities — go ahead with a proposal to allow school governors to opt out of local education authority control and receive money direct from the government.

I hope I have demonstrated that *not* being bound by local authority edicts is precisely what gives the militant teachers the freedom to thrust their anti-police views on children. "All power to the governors" may sound like the true faith to Tory ideologues, but it will play into the hands of extremists. It would be more to the point if Kenneth Baker told us how he intends to bring London's militant teachers into line. If he cannot even do that, how could he to impose a national curriculum?

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Henry Stanhope

Trouble, down on the stump

As the general election approaches, recedes, then approaches again, like sea-sickness, we are forced to return once more to the quinquennial question of why people want to stand for parliament.

You can just understand why they might want to be in the Cabinet, or even have some lower job in government. One has a nice car and a permanent staff — who tell one what to do, then do it for one. The hours are admittedly long. Norman Tebbit once endeared himself to me by disclosing in the *Sunday Times* feature *A Life in the Day* that he woke every morning thinking "Oh God, another day . . . " — a far healthier reaction than that of the Prime Minister, who bounces out of bed full of vigour.

But it does not last long; and for some, not long enough. When Norman St John Stevas was driven to Buckingham Palace to see the Queen after being sacked as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster by Mrs Thatcher in 1981, he emerged some time later to find that the car had gone. *Sic transit gloria* he must have thought, as he trudged back along The Mall to clear his desk.

You can just understand the desire to be an MP, though this depends heavily on the seat. Being a Conservative member for Bournemouth has the attraction of job security, congenial climate, a southern aspect and fairly easy access from London — once past the Cromwell Road. Being Labour in Ebbw Vale or the Rhondda matches the Bournemouth factor in at least the first respect. Job security for Labour MPs is not quite what it was, given the tendency of Militant to oust one. But in the red-chip constituencies like these, they tend to take their politics too seriously for that.

The people who deserve our admiration, though, are those who stand in the right places for the wrong parties. A friend of mine once stood as Labour candidate in Worthing, and several have, at one time or another, desperately scoured constituencies in the industrial north in search of Conservative voters. Another political hopeful of my acquaintance bravely bore the Liberal banner to defeat in one dreary election after another — and not even amid the environmental attractions of the Celtic fringe. Why do they do it?

The usual explanation is that they are hoping for better things to come. To take arms against a 25,000 majority in the polls is seen as a kind of apprenticeship, a ritual dance of political death before being admitted to the freemasonry of the Commons by an easier route in five years' time.

The trouble is, there is no guarantee of this. When a selection committee asks for your credentials it is unlikely to be impressed to hear that you have recently knocked 50 from a majority of more than 20,000. The odds are that some gilded youth, a favourite of Central Office or the Walworth Road, his record unblemished by failure, will jump over your head in the queue.

Electioneering is at best a humbling experience. The sight of Roy Harris Jenkins (Labour), former Chancellor of the Exchequer, standing, gift-wrapped for winter, in the bitterly cold February of 1974, shaking hands with constituents outside his campaign headquarters at Stechford, Birmingham, while he sought another term as MP, lingers in the memory. So does that of Christopher Chataway, one-time Olympic athlete, sprinting down the garden paths on a sunny May morning in Chichester 18 years ago to please the photographers.

Still, fair weather or foul, they'll be back again this year — crouched over sputtering gas fires above creaking committee rooms in back-street Britain — defending policies they do not believe in to a couple of local reporters and the cat, while an aide pokes his head round the door to say they've run out of window stickers on the Alderman Bloggs Memorial Estate . . . or booming "This is your Liberal candidate" from a hired loudspeaker van to deserted streets on the night they're all watching *Dallas*.

Elections are most enjoyed by the press. There is much to be said for driving round English country lanes, while circulation rises with expenses. That is why newspapers always urge "Fix the Date Maggie" long before the Prime Minister has even thought about it. And that is really why they would like her to do so in June.

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CLEAR LIGHT OF MOSCOW

When Mr Kinnock made his ill-starred visit to Washington last week, he set out to convince President Reagan that the Labour Party's defence policy, despite its abjuration of nuclear weapons, was not so very far removed from that of the United States and Nato. For all the diplomatic sense such an approach might have made, with its attempt to concentrate on the common rather than the divisive, the gap between appearance and reality was ruthlessly exposed by the White House shortly afterwards.

In Moscow, the Prime Minister has made no such error. Whatever risks she may have taken, an overindulgence in diplomatic nicety has not been one of them. The differences between Mrs Thatcher and the Soviet leader have been plain from the outset. That neither has sought to conceal them is to the credit of both. Now, as perhaps never before, Britain and the Soviet Union have an accurate picture of the state of Anglo-Soviet relations.

The position, it must be conceded, is not especially edifying. As emerged from the two leaders' banquet speeches on Monday evening and from Mrs Thatcher's press conference yesterday, the differences are fundamental. They derive above all from divergent perceptions of what fosters trust between states. These are not easy to harmonize.

For Mrs Thatcher, as for President Reagan, trust can proceed only from the fulfilment of commitments to human rights at home and abroad. Only when the undertakings given by the Soviet Union at Helsinki 11 years ago are honoured, it follows, can there be significant progress in disarmament. And only then can so radical a proposal as the "zero option" which envisages the removal of all intermediate-range nuclear weapons from Europe be countenanced.

Successive Soviet leaders have maintained that arms control is not a consequence of trust, but a precondition for it. At Helsinki the Soviet Union conceded in principle that the two processes should run concurrently, while procrastinating in practice on such elements as freer travel and improved communications.

Mr Gorbachov, by releasing a number of the more well-known dissidents and holding out the prospect of more Jewish emigration, has gone further. But he has still given little intimation of exactly what his catchwords — openness, restructuring and democratization — will really mean.

It was, for instance, a mark of substantial progress that Mrs Thatcher was able to invite Dr Sakharov and his wife for lunch and plan a breakfast at the British Embassy for the Jewish refusenik Iosif Begun and other dissenters without souring the atmosphere of her whole visit. But until such occasions are recognized as rights, until anyone carrying Soviet identification papers is allowed to visit any foreign embassy without fear of victimization, progress will remain limited.

Similarly, for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov to have disagreed publicly on intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF) in Europe and yet to have remained on friendly terms — as the spokesmen for both sides testified — is no mean achievement. Mr Gorbachov was clearly disappointed by Mrs Thatcher's insistence on linking reductions in INF to a more even balance in shorter-range missiles. Yet disagreement was not interpreted, by either side, as meaning that the talks themselves had failed.

Beside these negative achievements the positive achievements are modest, and their significance is as much potential as actual. Agreements have been signed on cooperation in space research and cultural contact, including a pledge not to jam radio broadcasts. The still unused hotline is to be upgraded, and new embassy sites (long a subject of contention) have been agreed in principle. There is, as there has been for a long time, a mutual intention to increase trade.

These are agreements which can be built on. They establish a base line from which to proceed. They do not, however, represent any breakthrough in Anglo-Soviet relations, still less the particular breakthrough (based on a British acceptance of Moscow's INF proposals) for which Mr Gorbachov and his advisers may have been hoping.

If Moscow does not allow this disappointment to cloud relations with Britain in future, that in itself will be progress. Anglo-Soviet relations will have been set on a stable footing as a result of plain-speaking and realism for which both leaders may claim credit.

BENCH, DESK AND BOARDROOM

British industry is facing a perilous shortage of trained employees. Yesterday Mr James Prior, GEC Chairman and former cabinet minister, pointed out that "over the past seven years the engineering industry's workforce has fallen by a third but the number of graduates it employs has risen by a half." Today the Government is set to publish a White Paper on higher education with the projection that the entire student population should rise by only four per cent between now and the end of the century.

The potential problem is plain to see. It is certainly plain to the new Council for Industry and Higher Education which was launched yesterday — with Mr Prior's help — in a City boardroom. The council is made up of the chairmen or chief executives of 22 of Britain's biggest companies as well as 10 vice-chancellors, polytechnic directors and college heads.

It calculates that, according to government assumptions, if industry is to expand at the rate of 2 per cent a year it will have to grow eight times faster than its supply of highly qualified manpower. Consequently the council's report, modestly entitled *Towards a Partnership*, is calling for fundamental changes in the higher education system.

Its main theme, that higher education needs to become more responsive to the requirements of industry, stems from the happy convergence of businesses's growing demand for graduates and higher education's increasingly urgent search for alternative sources of students and funds. Government pressure on spending looks set to continue and a 30 per cent decline is forecast between 1984 and 1993 in the number of 18-year-olds in the population.

So Mr Prior is right to draw attention to the desert facing industry. The question is whether the universities in particular, rationed but far from starving, really are prepared to implement the tough decisions accepted in principle on their behalf by the vice-chancellors of London, Leeds, Leicester, Swansea and Heriot-Watt. Might that commitment to what the council calls a cultural shift turn out, instead, to be no more than a mirage?

Part of the shift, as the council sees it, and as Christopher Ball, the warden of Keble College, Oxford, recently argued, is the concentration of research funding in those universities which are most likely to spend it productively, leaving the rest to concentrate on teaching.

The council's baldest statement, however, is that it is not asking for more higher education of the kind that presently exists. Paying proper obeisance to the success of arts graduates in a wide variety of jobs, it goes on to demand literacy in maths, science, computers and technology for all graduates of a liberal and general education.

Further than that, it wants higher education to be opened up, both in what it offers and to whom it offers it. That means more young people taking what the council calls more down-to-earth courses as well as more mature students, morepeople in careers and in changing careers, being offered education tailored to their needs.

Paradoxically, what is most encouraging about these ideas is that none of them is new. Polytechnics and universities are becoming more market-oriented at the same time as industry is becoming more articulate about its needs.

The Government's role is to ease the path of reform. The council, Mr Lawson will be relieved to hear, is not asking for greater resources to be poured into higher education. It goes out of its way to suggest how the costs both of the existing system and a more extensive one might be reduced. It calls for a higher ratio of students to staff, a wider application of information technology to the teaching process, shorter courses leading to lower unit costs, more students living at home and, of course, lessening the burden of student support by replacing grants, in part, with loans.

In return, the Government must wean itself off the idea that assessing the demand for higher education is simply a matter of watching the downward trend in the statistics. That demand should, rather, as the council argues, be seen as something to be actively created. Britain's participation rate — the proportion of young people in higher education — is much lower than that of most of its industrial competitors and ought to be raised.

At the same time, industry's contribution to the cost of educating its workforce is pitifully small. The council is rather less forthcoming than it might be on this score in both its criticisms and its promises. The logic of *Towards a Partnership* is that, given a more decisive role in higher education, industry should dig deeper into its pocket.

IRISH AUSTERITY — AND MORE TO COME

There are no soft options, said Mr Ray McSharry, introducing the budget to the Irish parliament yesterday. He was repeating the last desperate injunctions of the previous government which fell when its coalition disintegrated over repeating the theme one time too often. So closely did Mr McSharry follow in the steps of his predecessor that the opposition was obliged to say that it would support the measures and to complain only of "grand larceny" of its policies.

This is in large measure the budget which Fine Gael itself would have introduced had been it been able to do so. The only respect, indeed, in which yesterday's budget does not qualify as a bi-partisan measure is in the number of items where the new Fianna Fail government has gone further than the outgoing Fine Gael-Labour coalition had intended. Mr McSharry's list of clampdowns is a thorough one and it would be difficult for anyone to complain that he has left any large gaps in his attempt to stabilize the government's most pressing problem, its enormous debt.

But stabilisation is as much as any finance minister can do in a first step. Mr McSharry is aiming to reduce borrowing from 8½ per cent of GNP to just under 7 per cent. If he succeeds, that percentage will still be more than three times the level obtaining in relatively healthy economies.

The strength and stamina of the bi-partisan agreement on austerity measures is at least as important as the arithmetic of yesterday's speech in the Dail. Western European governments of many colours have discovered, during the recessions which have followed the oil shock, that it is one thing to tell the electorate unpleasant home truths about the party being over and quite another actually to close it down. If the party stops, it is still yet more difficult to sustain the decision.

That, however, is the minimum necessary in the Irish case. Mr Haughey has won some initial good opinions for having apparently abandoned the fiscal indulgnce of the past. This is a good first step but to have any meaning or effect, it has to be pursued with consistency.

Even according to the most optimistic forecasts, there will come a moment when the economic pain is at its greatest but when the benefits of recovery are not yet felt. That pressure point is still some way off. The truest test of Mr Haughey's strength comes when he has to repeat yesterday's message in the face of a tougher resistance.

That crunch would come even if the government's ambitions did not extend beyond its present aims. Since the economy has also to grow and to be altered radically in order to avoid slipping back into debt in the future, there will be many more such tests ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A warning and a plea on Japan

From Sir Hugh Cortazzi

Sir, Your leader of March 28, "Trade war fever", was a timely warning of the need for calm and reason in dealing with the Japanese authorities over the trade imbalance and Japanese protectionism.

Anyone who has spent many hours negotiating with Japanese officials sympathises with current frustration in Whitehall. The Japanese behaviour towards Cable & Wireless is, alas, typical of the nationalism of some Japanese politicians and officials. The Japanese treatment of Scotch whisky is protectionist and discriminatory. The continuing bureaucratic rules which complicate the selling of imported motor cars in the Japanese market add to costs and are tiresome. We should continue to keep up appropriate and consistent pressure on Japan to treat British companies fairly and to remove the remaining restrictions affecting British exports to Japan.

But we should recognise that the Japanese authorities have removed, if belatedly, a large proportion of their protectionist and bureaucratic restrictions and greatly reduced a majority of their tariffs. Many British companies have demonstrated that, given determined efforts, patience and study of the market, it is possible to sell successfully and profitably to Japan. In the area of financial services there have also been significant steps towards liberalisation, even though, for instance, over membership of the Japanese stock exchange, British institutions have not yet been granted the sort of access available to Japanese companies in London.

The most important factor in our trade relations with Japan is competitivity. In some sectors, largely as a result of management failures and restrictive labour practices, we have not been competitive.

In dealing with the Japanese authorities we must first ensure that we assess the facts without emotional bias. We then need to think carefully where our long-term interests lie. These include the interests of our consumers and the interests of our regions where Japanese productive investment has been going.

To retaliate against Japanese financial institutions in the City of London, because of the size of the trade imbalance and of Japanese treatment of Cable & Wireless, would be to endanger British long-term interests in the invisible earnings of the City of London and would be another own goal.

But the Japanese should treat Cable & Wireless fairly and make further progress with their liberalisation measures.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH CORTAZZI,
100 Wood Street, EC2.
March 30.

The death penalty

From Mr Robert Alexander, QC, and others

Sir, There are only two arguments for the restoration of capital punishment: either that it satisfies society's desire for condign punishment for serious offences or that it deters others from committing them.

The first argument raises a moral issue. We are strongly of the view that capital punishment is in itself repugnant and immoral. But in their proposed clause to be added to the Criminal Justice Bill the proponents of capital punishment now seek to leave to a jury a more complex moral issue: whether a reasonable man would consider the killing of another person "evil". This would surely impose an intolerable burden upon those twelve people.

As to the second argument, there is and never has been any evidence, through all the years of debate, to suggest that capital punishment deters. In the absence of such evidence we and, we believe, the great majority of the English Bar, remain firmly opposed to its reintroduction.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
ROBERT ALEXANDER,
MARTIN BOWLEY,
HENRY BROOKE,
E. MICHAEL HILL,
MARK POTTER,
PHILIP NAUGHTON,
1 Brick Court,
Temple, EC4.
March 31.

From Mr John G. Kapp

Sir, The Tories do not believe in pacifism or CND, but in deterrents. They justified the bombing of Libya, which executed innocent people, to make the world safer from terrorists.

In the forthcoming debate they should be consistent, and impose a three-line whip for restoration of capital punishment, the deterrent effect of which would similarly make Britain a safer place.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN G. KAPP,
55 Hove Park Road,
Hove,
East Sussex.
March 28.

Medical records

From Dr Roger Hole

Sir, The letter from Sir Patrick Nairne (March 24) advocating the patient's right to see his written medical records as "one of the essential steps towards greater freedom of information" is itself seriously misleading.

His proposal that the views of the BMA should receive less weight than those of "doctors who have already come to know the advantages of making their notes available to patients" fails to mention that only a minority of *general practitioners* hold these views. The vast majority of hospital doctors are strongly opposed to the proposal in respect of *hospital medical records*, believing that it would lead to many timewasting difficulties and almost no benefits for the patient.

To suggest that the views of doctors (who have compiled and are responsible for the written records) should receive less attention than those of organisations who may have little knowledge of and no responsibility for the records seems to be the sort of nonsense that only a long sojourn in the DHSS could produce.

What a pity the world's leading amateur brain surgeon of his day (the late Dr G. Marx) has not left us his views on the subject.

Yours etc,
ROGER HOLE,
South Cleveland Hospital,
Marton Road,
Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
March 25.

From Dr. B. D. Keighley

Sir, The Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, favours patient access to manual medical records, I do not.

Most records in the public domain concerning individuals are kept to enable organisations to deal with personal demands in the context of a written set of priorities and procedures. Medical records are not.

Most citizens have an inherent distrust of bureaucratic structures and their administrators. Most patients trust their doctors.

A medical record written defensively with the potential for eventual critical scrutiny by the patient is sterile and possibly dangerously incomplete. A record written fully, frankly and in good faith is not.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN D. KEIGHLEY,
The Clinic, Buchanan Street,
Balfron,
Glasgow.
March 24.

Garden marketing

From Professor Wynne Godley

Sir, Alan Peacock (feature, March 14) is quite wrong to suggest that the proposal that there should be a three-year plan for the Royal Opera House is "an attempt to convince [the public] that Covent Garden opera confers more uncovenanted benefits . . . than other cultural institutions".

The three-year plan has been prepared specifically at the instance of the Arts Council, of which Alan Peacock is a member, in order to make it possible to plan realistically. The Royal Opera House has to negotiate binding commitments several years in advance, while at the beginning of each year the detailed schedule for the next 50 productions and 250 performances, together with the associated casting, rehearsal and other arrangements, must have been settled.

Under present arrangements it is only after these decisions have perforce already been taken that the grant for the single following year is disclosed. It is impossible to plan under such conditions or avoid financial crises which can only have disorderly solutions.

The issue of planning is misleadingly confused by Alan Peacock with that of the level and allocation of public funding for the arts. It seems unfortunate that he should base his argument on the assumption that the total level of funding is predetermined, although having done so it is, I suppose, understandable that, as Chairman of the Scottish Arts Council, he would like to see more go to the regions and less to Covent Garden.

Yours faithfully,
WYNNE GODLEY,
King's College,
Cambridge.
March 25.

On the side of Latin

From Mrs Jessica Yates

Sir, It is all very well to write to *The Times* in Latin and promise that somewhere some children in ILEA schools will continue to study Latin, but Frances Morrell's letter and interview (March 21) do not tell me that she understands the pleasure and usefulness of classics for the many who couldn't write or understand such a letter.

As an ILEA librarian in the 1970s I stood by while year after year enthusiastic, able arts (and science) pupils at my school were deprived of their cultural heritage and the key to modern European languages. There was too much fear of setting up an elite group and arousing jealousy; and in the fourth year there wasn't room for an extra option. Now, as a parent living in an outer London borough which only retains Latin in the girls' single-sex school, I must protest.

If Frances Morrell is serious about the commitment she has made in your columns, and it is to be something more than simply allowing classics to remain on the syllabus in a few ex-grammar schools or middle-class areas, then I make these suggestions:

1. Find out how many ILEA comprehensives do offer classics — and why. Have any ex-secondary moderns introduced it?
2. Familiarise herself with the mixed-ability classical studies curriculum and recommend it to inspectors and head teachers.
3. Recognise the indispensable contribution which classicists may make to "language awareness" curricula now being developed as a response to the large numbers of mother-tongue speakers.
4. If schools will not employ classicists, thus making access to classics a matter of social class (unfair!), employ a pool of classicists centrally, some to be shared among a few schools, teaching classical studies and Latin, others working peripatetically like music teachers, working with mixed-age groups in up to 10 schools a week. These arrangements might parallel those already being made to teach ethnic minority children their mother tongues for GCSE; thus every child will have an opportunity to learn his/her mother or heritage tongue.

Yours faithfully,
JESSICA YATES,
14 Norfolk Avenue,
South Tottenham, N15.
March 24.

True cost of cheap butter

From Sir Edward du Cann, MP for Taunton (Conservative)

Sir, Last week European Community officials in Brussels sanctioned a sale of 1,180 tonnes of butter to the Soviet Union. The price was £147 per tonne. I have the following points of criticism to make:

1. The sale demonstrates yet again the folly of accumulating otherwise unsaleable food stocks in the European Community. The trading loss on this single transaction is over £2,000 per tonne; in total almost £400million.

2. The acquisition of large stocks of butter so cheaply by the Soviet Union will free the equivalent economic resources for expenditure on armaments. Thus the agricultural policies of the Common Market conflict with its foreign policy objectives.

3. It is an insult to the hard-pressed taxpayers of the Community to waste their resources on so profligate a sale, first having obliged them to buy butter more expensively than Russian consumers.

4. The financing of the scheme is only possible because member states have agreed to lend the necessary money to the EC. This came about because the EC's own resources are exhausted. Every pledge given by the British Prime Minister to the UK Parliament on the subject of economy has now been broken by Brussels.

5. The financing package was approved by ministers in Brussels in spite of the complaint by the Court of Auditors that it is illegal.

This transaction brings the total of recent sales of cheap butter to the Soviet Union to almost 300,000 tonnes. Presumably further sales are in prospect. The argument put forward to justify the policy is that it relieves the cost of storage. The butter mountain in store is a record 1.3 million tonnes. Storage costs exceed $1million a day. It is a choice of evils: if the rest of the butter stock is sold at similar prices the total trading loss financed by the taxpayer will exceed £2.5billion.

In the UK we rightly insist on a high degree of Government probity. We enforce it through the National Audit Office, the Public Accounts Committee and debate in the House of Commons. Illegalities, over-budget expenditure, the use of public funds for purposes for which they have not been voted and the like would certainly result in ministerial resignations and the resignations of departmental accounting officers — and would be followed by reform. The House of Commons would insist on it.

We should not be content with lesser standards in the European Community.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD du CANN (Chairman, Public Accounts Commission),
House of Commons.
March 30.

Bees as pests

From Mr J. T. Stoakley

Sir, There should be no nuisance from well-sited hives properly managed by beekeepers — even in the urban environment — nor from honey bees following their normal activity of foraging for nectar, pollen and water (letter, March 23). Bumble bees and the many species of solitary bee which occur in Britain are harmless to people and, like honey bees, of enormous importance as pollinators.

However it must be acknowledged that honey bees are sometimes a nuisance or even a hazard in public places and on private premises when they appear as swarms *en route* to new homesites or when they occur as established colonies in unsuitable places.

From experience over many years I suggest that the incidence of such problems is very low. However, when they occur beekeepers who are keen to increase their stocks (and perhaps also demonstrate their skills) taking swarms from all but the most inaccessible places can be readily contacted through secretaries of local beekeeping associations.

The removal of bees from established colonies, for example in roof spaces, is possible but is more difficult and time-consuming and there are occasions when destruction is the only practical course; however, this should be the last resort.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN T. STOAKLEY (President, Peeblesshire Beekeepers' Association),
Drumlin,
Craigerne Lane,
Peebles.
March 25.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 1 1901

Somaliland was declared a British protectorate in 1888 and boundaries were agreed with Italy and Ethiopia in the following decade. It gained independence in 1960 and joined with Italian Somalia to form the Somali Republic. The leader of the tribes was the "Mad mullah", Mohammed Abdallah Hasan, who remained a thorn in British flesh until 1920

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THE SOMALI EXPEDITION.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

AFMADU, FEB. 7.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of February 5 the Ogaden Punitive Force entered Afmadu, thus completing the first part of its task by the occupation of the time-honoured gathering-place of the enemy's clans. The distance from the advanced base, Yonte, on the Juba river, is a little over 60 miles, and from Kismayu, the capital of the province, another 20. The march was accomplished without encountering any resistance, but it was not on that account a particularly easy one, owing mainly to two causes — the absence of water and the presence of the sun. There have been three or four cases of sunstroke among the European officers, and many of them have had sun-fever, a particularly debilitating malady, while the men themselves, though natives of tropical climates, have felt the heat very much.

FEBRUARY 21.

Since February 12 the experiences of the Ogaden Punitive Force have been of a considerably more eventful character than was the case in the earlier part of the campaign. On that day an advanced column moved out of Afmadu, news having been received of the presence of a considerable force of the enemy under three of the chiefs directly implicated in the murder of Mr. Jenner in the Jiro district, which lies in a north-westerly direction. Unfortunately, the intervening country is almost waterless, so that forced marches had to be made, which were rendered extremely trying by the heat of the sun and the necessity of issuing only a limited ration from the water-tanks carried by the camels . . .

The spirit of the troops was admirable; undeterred by the fatigue and privations they had undergone, all were full of hopes of a brush with the enemy, hopes which were soon destined to be realized.

The column reached Somasa, 10 miles from Ghulime, about 11 o'clock on the 16th inst., and halted, the troops forming a square round the baggage and hospital. Scarcely had this been done when the enemy attacked in force, coming on with rare determination and courage. Three sides of the square were assaulted, the troops behaving splendidly, maintaining a severe fire and holding their own well. A few Ogadens, however, got through one corner, and unfortunately found the hospital straight in their path. Lieutenant-Colonel Maitland, of the Indian Medical Service, a most popular and respected officer, whose loss will be much regretted by all ranks, fell a victim to a knife-thrust, and Dr. Mann was wounded in the head and arm, while several of the native patients and hospital staff were killed and wounded. After a quarter of an hour's severe fighting, during which many well-directed volleys were poured into the enemy, the latter, finding their efforts fruitless, fled into the bush, having suffered losses unprecedented in the history of the tribe. The bodies found lying about were mostly those of young men of lithe but slender build, with regular Somali features and thick mops of curly hair, resembling those of the well-known Fuzzy-Wuzzy . . . The Ogaden is certainly by no means a contemptible foe, and it was fortunate that in Colonel Ternan the force possessed a leader who from long years of experience in Egypt and Uganda knew thoroughly all the wiles and stratagems practised by the natives in bush and desert warfare, and made his dispositions accordingly . . .

Period return

From the Reverend Brian Taylor

Sir, Twenty-four years is by no means a long time for confiscation (letter, March 23). When the first pain of parting is got over, most boys soon forget their lost treasures. The drawers and cupboards of masters' common rooms are full of these things, until they are thrown away, or sold off for charity. I only knew one really persistent claimant, and he was a Scot, who later went up to Oxford as a scholar of New College.

I have, and use daily, a wooden ruler which I took from Tom, its owner, at Spalding Grammar School in 1955 or 1956, because he kept tapping it. He cannot have had it long, for the hole which he had started to bore in its middle with the point of his compass is quite shallow.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN TAYLOR
The Rectory, The Flower Walk,
Guildford, Surrey.
March 23.

From Mr D. H. Murdoch

Sir, Mrs Cardew's account (March 23) of her husband's achievement is impressive, but I doubt it constitutes a record. In 1960, during my brief career as a schoolteacher and in an act of unsung heroism (typical of that unregarded profession), I disarmed a boy who was brandishing what proved to be a French bayonet, c. 1870 vintage. It *remains* confiscated.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. MURDOCH,
19 Woodland Park Road,
Headingley,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 31: The Lord Saint Brides had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George and delivered up to Her Majesty the Insignia of Office.

Sir Oliver Wright had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George when Her Majesty handed to him the Insignia of Office.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member of the British Sub Aqua Club, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented The Duke of Edinburgh Prizes for Diving Science.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and at Buckingham Palace gave a luncheon for Award Scheme Trustees and afterwards chaired an Award Scheme Trustees meeting.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this evening attended a Trustees meeting of the Westminster Abbey Trust in Westminster Abbey.

Major Anthony Mather was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips visited the factory of Swaine Adeney Brigg and Sons Ltd (Chairman and Managing Director, Mr R. Adeney) at Great Chesterford, Essex today.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and were received by the Hon Robin Neville (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 31: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 31: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was entertained this evening at the Ladies' Dinner given by The Worshipful Company of Broderers at Mercers' Hall, EC2.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr David Gower, cricketer, 30; Sir Paul Hasluck, former Governor-General of Australia, 82; Sir Nicholas Henderson, diplomat, 68; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton, jockey, 46; Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, 61; Professor M.L. McGlahan, chemist, 63; Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, 61; Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, Russian and Balkan historian, 69; Mrs Marie Patterson, trade unionist, 53; Mr Steve Race, musician and broadcaster, 66; Professor Sir Peter Tizard, paediatrician, 71.

Baron Johnston of Rockport

The life barony conferred upon Sir Charles Collier Johnston has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Johnston of Rockport, of Caversham in the Royal County of Berkshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the Clore Gallery for the Turner Collection at the Tate Gallery at 3.20.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends closure ceremony at RAF Station Hendon, at 5.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the British Deaf Association, visits sheltered housing scheme for the deaf on Tulketh Brow, Preston, at 11.10; and West View Leisure Centre, Preston, at 12.15.

The Duchess of York attends the gala concert premiere of *The Hunting of the Snark*, in aid of the British Deaf Association, at the Albert Hall at 7.45.

Princess Margaret, President of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, visits Pilgrims School, Seaford, at 12 and opens new girls' boarding house.

Church news

The Rev S J Tudgey, Assistant Curate, Madeley, diocese of Hereford, to be Rector, Chilcompton with Downside and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev D E C Wright, Vicar, St Mary, Marshalswick, St Albans, diocese of St Albans, to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Sandridge, same diocese.

The Rev S C Wright, Vicar, West Acklam, diocese of York, to be *also* Rural Dean of Middlesbrough, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev R D W Bedford, Rector, Walton-on-the-Hill, diocese of Guildford, to retire on June 7, 1987.

Canon F W Fuller, Vicar, Bungay, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to retire on July 6, 1987.

The Rev J H Mayoh, Rector, Aythorpe Roding with High Roding and Leaden Roding, diocese of Chelmsford, to retire on June 30, 1987.

The Rev S R Watkin, Vicar, Ipstones, diocese of Lichfield, to retire on May 31, 1987.

The Rev A J H Polhill, Vicar, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, diocese of Exeter, to retire on June 30, 1987.

Other appointment

Mr M I Oliver, Bursar, Launde Abbey, Leicester, to be Warden of Abbey House, Glastonbury, diocese of Bath and Wells.

Church of Scotland Inductions

The Rev W Anthony to Associate Minister at Linlithgow, St Michael's.

Translations

The Rev James Whyte from Coupar Angus Abbey to Broom.

The Rev Hugh M Wallace from Carluke, Kirkton to Glasgow, Mount Florida.

The Rev William B Ferguson from Annan, Old to Glasgow, Broomhill.

The Rev John W F Harris from Motherwell, St Mary's to Bearsden, South.

Official visit

Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, Prime Minister of Pakistan, will make an official visit to Britain from April 5 to 9, at the invitation of the Prime Minister. He will be accompanied by Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Chaudry Shujat Hussain, Minister of Industries.

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Sale room

Seven modern artists break records

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The market in Impressionist and modern pictures has never been stronger; that is the message from Christie's yesterday and on Monday night as it launched the spring season of picture sales.

Seven auction price records were set for individual artists, including Modigliani's "Fillette au Tablier Noir" at £2,640,000 and Derain's "Collioure; Le Port de Pêche" at £2,200,000.

The greatest picture in the sale, "Sunflowers" apart, was the Derain harbour scene painted in 1905. Matisse and Derain spent that summer at Collioure and began to paint in bright primary colours, an explosive style that earned them the name of *Fauves*.

Derain's painting with startlingly blue and green sea, a yellow and red harbour and bright busy figures is one of the best Fauve paintings by any artist; created in the excitement of discovering a new style. Christie's had estimated £800,000 to £1 million.

The Modigliani is a three-quarter length portrait of a little girl seated on a wooden chair. It excited intense interest among Japanese bidders but was carried off by J. Nehmad, a Geneva dealer.

Baron Thyssen, one of the world's richest and most discerning collectors, had come to the sale. He does not usually show up if he is after a major picture and his presence could be interpreted as a declaration that he did not want the "Sunflowers". In the event he bought two surprisingly minor Impressionists.

A companion, described by Christie's auctioneer as "the gentleman in the brown tweed coat", did the bidding. He paid £297,000 (estimate £180,000 to £220,000) for Monet's "La Cabane à Trouville; Mareée basse" and £187,000 (estimate £120,000 to £150,000) for Sisley's "Petit Pont sur l'Orvanne".

There was a resounding new price record for a Degas sculpture when "Jeune Danseuse Nue" sold for £605,000 (estimate £200,000 to £300,000) to an anonymous bidder. She stands 28 inches high and is the model which can be seen dressed in a tutu in the Tate Gallery bronze, the only one cast in his lifetime; the nude sold on Monday was cast some time after 1919.

Once again Christie's and Sotheby's appear to be selling the same picture. Christie's got £121,000 (estimate £100,000 to £130,000) for Maurice Utrillo's "L'Eglise et le Bureau de Poste d'Ecouen", which is also in Sotheby's catalogue today with an estimate of £60,000 to £70,000.

An embarrassed French dealer admitted to having done a double deal. Christie's had included the picture in its main sale while Sotheby's consigned it to a secondary sale.

Only two lots were left unsold on Monday night. Christie's secondary sale yesterday morning totalled £2,336,950, with 15 per cent left unsold.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A.F. Studd and Miss G.A.G. Neville

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Sir Edward and Lady Studd, of Danceys, Clavering, Essex, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Neville, of Towngate House, Tidebrook, East Sussex.

Mr J. Atkinson and Miss J.A. Mole

The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Atkinson, of Darlington, Co Durham, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Mole, of Finstock, Oxford.

Mr S.T. Barkham and Miss E.M. Lupprian

The engagement is announced between Simon Toby, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David Barkham, of Islington, and Edrys Margaret, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Lupprian, of Exeter.

Mr S.C. Beadle and Miss A.J.L. Lunn

The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Arthur E. Beadle, of Welling, Kent, and Alison, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John E. Lunn, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Mr F.C.P. Carne and Miss S. Robins

The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Carne, of Manaccan, Cornwall, and Sharon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Robins, of Awliscombe, Devon.

Dr N.H. Everett and Miss E. Endfield

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs H.C. Everett, of Darkley, Norton Canon, Herefordshire, and Eden, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.R. Endfield, of Hurlingham Road, Parsons Green, London.

Mr M.G.N. Kirkbride and Miss S.H.M. Gilbert

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr T.G. Kirkbride and the late Mrs *Diana Kirkbride, and stepson of* Mrs T.G. Kirkbride, of Spen Green Farm, Smallwood, Cheshire, and Sybella, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E.R.F. Gilbert, of Bishopstone House, Herefordshire.

Count K.A. Grocholski and Mme J. Mueller

The engagement is announced between Kazimierz Adam Grocholski, of Pietniczany and Poniatow, and Ealing, London, and Anna (Nita) Mueller (née Svertshkov), widow of Julius Mueller, of Zollikon, Zurich and Winterthur.

Mr J.P.W. Halfpenny and Miss S.M. Kirby

The engagement is announced between John Patrick Wedgwood, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Halfpenny, of Guisborough, Cleveland, and Sharon Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kirby, of Streetlam, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr W.N. Kirn and Miss P.J. Locke

The engagement is announced between Walter, son of Walt and Millie Kirn, of Minnesota, and Penny, daughter of Martin Locke, of Barnes, London, and Ann Truman, of East Garston, Berkshire.

Mr J. Miller and Miss G. MacRae

The engagement is announced between James (Jock), only son of Mr James Miller and of the late Mrs Kathleen Dewar and stepson of Mrs Iris Miller, of Belmont, Edinburgh, and Gina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John MacRae, of Nairnside House, Inverness.

Mr S. Park and Miss F.M. Sutherland

Ther engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr F.A. Park and the late Mrs L. Park, of Neston, Cheshire, and Fiona Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Sutherland, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr T.M.H. Shearer and Miss M.F. Davis

The engagement is announced between Thoss (Mark), son of Mr Tom Shearer, CB, and Mrs Shearer, of Kennington, London, and Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R.S. Davis, of Longlevens, Gloucester.

Mr M.J. Whittell and Miss K.L. Kemp

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.M.S. Whittell, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr R.M. Kemp, of Cruden Bay, Aberdeenshire, and Mrs E.J. Kemp, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Luncheon

Media Society

Miss Barbara Hosking, President of the Media Society, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, was the guest speaker.

Reception

Veuve Clicquot Champagne

A reception was held yesterday at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall for the winner of the Veuve Clicquot Award "Business Woman of the Year". Sir John Hoskyns, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, presented the award to Mrs Jenifer Rosenberg, managing director of J & J Fashions Ltd. Mr John Clevely, managing director of Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin, and Mrs Clevely were hosts at a luncheon held afterwards.

Dinners

Broderers' Company

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attended a ladies dinner given by the Broderers' Company at Mercers' Hall last night. Mr Anthony Beeley, Master, assisted by Mr Eric Hannam, Warden, and Major Gerald Charrington, Renter Warden, presided. The Hon Mrs William Wallace, Chairman of the Royal School of Needlework, also spoke.

Conservative Group for Europe

Mr Ian Taylor, Chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe, presided at a dinner given by officers of the group last night at St Ermin's Hotel. The guest of honour and speaker was Mr Christopher Patten, MP, and Mr Edward Heath, MP, president, and Mr James Spicer, MP, also spoke.

United and Cecil Club

Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was the guest of honour and Mr Graham Hornby also spoke.

Institute for Biotechnological Studies

Professor T.L. Blundell was the guest of honour at a fellows dinner of the Institute for Biotechnological Studies held at the Royal Society last night after he had delivered the 1987 Medal lecture. Among those present were:

Sir Austin Bide, Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, Sir James Lighthill, Dr J E Ingram, Professor T E Burlin, Professor P H Clarke, Dr R F Coleman, Professor R F Curtis, Professor D A Hopwood, Professor E W J Mitchell, and Dr A Williams.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Dr Geoffrey Booth, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at the society's headquarters. Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Paymaster General, also spoke.

Old Guildfordians' Association

The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians' Association was held on March 27 in the Great Hall of the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. The chairman, Mr A.J. Alder, presided. The toast "The School and Governors" was proposed by the Deputy Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Jack Patrick, and the headmaster, Mr John Daniel, responded. The guest of honour, Mr T.G.P. Jones, proposed the toast "The Association".

Memorial service

Dr P.J. Taylor

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Peter Taylor was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. The Rev Richard Bewes officiated. Mr R.A. Archer, personnel director of Unilever, read the lesson and Dr Michael *McDonald read The Donkey* by G.K. Chesterton. Dr John Aldridge, dean of the faculty of occupational medicine, Royal College of Physicians, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Taylor (widow), Mr Mark Taylor (son), Mr and Mrs Steven Chandler (son-in-law and daughter), Dr and Mrs Anthony Barnett (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Sarah Barnett, Mrs J Gerhardi, Mrs K Petherick, Mrs S Chandler.

Sir Christopher Lawrence-Jones (chief medical officer, ICI), Sir William Ryland, Dr Ian Hughes Hallett (principal medical adviser, Unilever) with Dr F A Fairweather (representing the board of directors) and other members of staff: Mrs John Aldridge, Dr and Mrs John Fforde, Surgeon Rear-Admiral G J Milton-Thompson (Medical Director-General (Naval)), Surgeon Commander G H G McMillan (representing the Dean of Naval Medicine), Air Vice-Marshal C E Simpson and Wing Commander S R C Dougherty (RAF Medical branch), Dr A E Read (senior vice-president and senior censor, Royal College of Physicians, also representing the president) with Dr D A Pyke, Dr P A J Ball, Dr K B Saunders and Mr D B Lloyd; Dr F S Preston (Society of Occupational Medicine), Dr G Sorrie (Civil Service Occupational Health Service), Mr F S Gill (representing the head of the Institute of Occupational Health, Birmingham University), Miss Gwenda Hoare (Department of Occupational Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Dr W Kerns (Post Office Occupational Health Service), Dr Gwilym Hughes (chief medical officer, British Telecom), Dr Philip Helliwell (representing the medical staff of Guy's Hospital and Guy's Hospital Medical School) and Mrs Helliwell, Dr P A B Raffle (Medical Commission on Accident Prevention) and Mrs Raffle, Mr Peter Holgate (Royal College of Nursing), Dr A Fingret (BBC Occupational Health Service), Dr P Thom (Birds Eye Walls), Dr R Cox (CEGB), Dr Eric Blackadder (BUPA), Miss Gillian Howard and Miss Debbie Macklin (Industrial Society), Miss Natasha Squire (Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge University), Dr Adrian Semmence (Civil Service Department), Dr Doreen Miller (Marks and Spencer), Dr J Burns (British Coal Corporation), Mr Eric Hardy (Steward House, Bury St Edmunds), Dr George Gordon Walker, Professor Ian McCallum, Dr Peter Hummelsberger, Squadron Leader M Bird, WRAF, and Group Captain K Keane, WRAF.

Latest wills

Sir Richard Kenneth **Denby**, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, solicitor, president of the Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 1982-85, left estate valued at £478,236 net.

Mf William Ivor **Grantham**, of Lewes, East Sussex, barrister, chairman of the Lewes Bench, 1964-67, left £456,093 net.

The Hon Mrs Bridget Frances Kate **Petherick**, of Mereworth, Kent, left £1,156,538 net.

Other estates include

Blamire, Alfred, of Lowton, Manchester, dental surgeon........£620,416

Carr, Mrs Florence Emily, of Sutton Coldfield........£349,267

Anniversaries

Births: William Harvey, physician, Folkestone, Kent, 1578; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, New Plymouth, New Zealand, 1858; Ferrucio Busoni, composer and pianist, Empoli, Italy 1866.

Deaths: Max Ernst, painter, Paris, 1976.

The Royal Air Force was established in 1918, absorbing the Royal Flying Corps, founded in 1912.

County post

Captain Colin Farquharson has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire.

Science report

Rain forest roots that climb trees for food

By a Special Correspondent

Some species of tree in the Amazon rain forest have evolved a neat way of coping with nutrient-poor soils. They grow roots that climb up the bark of neighbouring trees and absorb nutrients dissolved in rain trickling down.

Dr Robert Sandford, a botanist at Stanford University in California, who discovered the extraordinary trees, believes he *has hit upon a novel mechanism* for cycling nutrients contained in the biomass of a tropical rain forest.

The explanation could help to explain how some areas of tropical rain forest manage to thrive on soils that would normally be thought too poor to support them.

Dr Sandford's trees grow roots within the soil, just like any others. But, unlike other trees, they also send out upward growing roots from the mat of roots growing near the soil surface, which then attach themselves to the stems of neighbouring trees.

Those climbing roots are thus very different from the aerial roots we see on our tropical houseplants; they originate in the air, some distance from the base of the plant, and grow down.

Tropical rain forests are thought to survive on poor soils by locking nutrients within the plant material itself, thus bypassing the soil. Nutrients dissolved in rain, for example, are known to be absorbed by the thick canopy of leaves covering the forest.

But as rain falls through the canopy and trickles down tree trunks, it picks up more nutrients on the way, making it richer than when it hit the canopy. That is the source of food that Dr Sandford believes his trees are designed to trap.

To discover whether the growth of climbing roots could be stimulated by nutrient-rich rain flowing down a stem, he set up an experiment using plastic *pipes as artificial stems. To the* top of some of the pipes he attached a porous bag of cattle manure, to others he attached an empty bag. Sure enough, within a few months, the pipes with the cattle manure played host to the most climbing roots. The pipes with empty bags sported only a few very slowly growing roots.

Another experiment indicated that the particular nutrient so attractive to the roots is calcium. Roots curved towards a calcium source placed near them. Dr Sandford thinks that rain leaches calcium from the canopy as it falls through it. The stems of trees thus become zones of calcium enrichment after a heavy downpour.

Dr Sandford conducted his research in an area of the Amazon rain forest noted for its very poor soils. In that area, rain flowing down tree stems is probably a more important source of nutrients than in other forests growing on richer soils.

The trees in that area have evolved an unusual adaptation to their stringent circumstances. They reinforce the belief that the ecology of the tropical rain forest is indeed a complex business.

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OBITUARY

'PAT' CHERAMY

Wartime heroine who helped escaping airmen

Mrs Eleanor Maud "Pat" Cheramy, who died on March 26 at the age of 80, helped more than 200 allied airmen and soldiers to escape from France during the war.

Born and brought up in this country, where she was an enthusiastic amateur golfer before the war, she married a French engineer, Charles Cheramy, in 1940, and settled with him at Montauban, in the south of France.

After giving sanctuary to an escaping Spitfire pilot in 1942, she and her husband became involved with the famous Pat O'Leary escape line (run by a Belgian army doctor, Albert Guérisse, who had taken that Hibernian *nom de guerre*). She, too, acquired her new Christian name from that source.

During the next year they played an important part in helping escapees get to the Pyrenees from their Montauban home, but were arrested by the Gestapo on January 11, 1943, after a radio message had been intercepted by the Germans.

Pat Cheramy was told that if she did not reveal the names of all the escape line contacts, her infant son would be shot. She courageously told her captors to shoot, and to kill her, too.

In the event her son was spared, and handed over to the Red Cross, from where he was given into the care of his grandparents.

Pat Cheramy was sent to Fresnes prison in Paris, and thence to Ravensbrück and Mauthausen concentration camps.

Two-and-a-half years of the most fearful beatings followed, in which the Gestapo tried first to elicit information from her, and then, failing that, to break her spirit. By the time the American army arrived to end this frightful ordeal, in the spring of 1945, she weighed only 3½ stone.

After her release she was flown to Switzerland where, for the next five years, she underwent a series of operations aimed at trying to reverse the brain damage and loss of limb movement she had suffered, as a result of having broomhandles repeatedly broken over her head.

She never made a complete recovery; but, in spite of continuing physical disability, she resumed her golf; and was also a keen bridge player.

Once recovered enough she returned to London, and then lived in the south of England, *until age and infirmity finally* compelled her to accept a place in a nursing home.

She held nine decorations, including the Croix de Guerre, the American Medal of Freedom and the British Empire Medal; her portrait hangs in a place of honour in the officers' mess at RAF Odiham, a station associated with so much of the wartime escape effort.

Pat Cheramy was a woman of indomitable and pugnacious spirit. Nothing less, indeed, would have sufficed to enable a wife and mother to make the most agonizing decisions; and, then, to stand the appalling consequences.

Like not a few of her kind, who began as war's bystanders, she ended by sacrificing her health and much of her future happiness for what she believed in.

Her marriage ended in divorce some years ago, and Charles, who himself endured the concentration camps, died in 1980.

She is survived by her son, Michel, who lives in Paris.

PROFESSOR R. I. AARON

Professor R. I. Aaron, FBA, who died on March 29, at the age of 85, was Professor of Philosophy in the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, from 1932 to 1969. His death deprives British philosophy of one of its most highly respected members.

Richard Ithamar Aaron was born on November 6, 1901. After a splendid start at University College, Swansea, followed by distinguished work at Oxford, where he took his DPhil, he was fortunate enough, as was more possible in those happy days, to have a post immediately as a lecturer in philosophy at Swansea.

He soon made his impact there, and also published some notable scholarly books and articles which led, at an earlier age than usual, to a chair of philosophy at Aberystwyth.

His presence there added considerable prestige to the department, and from that centre Aaron remained a considerable force in the scholarly philosophical life of his day and in the whole of the University of Wales.

Quiet and unassuming in his manner, he remained very firmly in his initial orientation, and by force of character and wide esteem, left his impress on many important developments.

In philosophy itself he made his contribution mainly in the field of close scholarly work, his book on John Locke in the *famous Leaders of Thought* series being a fine example.

His own thought - in the book *Universals*, and in articles like his presidential addresses to the Aristotelian Society and to the Mind Association - was marked by shrewdness and byclarity of presentation.

He was a very fair reviewer and was, for that reason, at one time much in demand by editors.

But this scholarly work and standing went along with a flair for administration and practical guidance. This was particularly evident in his work for several years as chairman of the Welsh Advisory Council on Education.

Unassuming and friendly, he nonetheless steered his colleagues firmly towards principles which came to be of great importance in those formative years in Welsh education.

This was also an area where his profound love and understanding of his own community of Wales became evident.

The same is true of his pioneer work for the Welsh philosophical section of The Guild of Graduates of the University of Wales. He was one of the founders of this section, and editor of its fine journal, *Efrydiau Athronyddol*, for many years.

Aaron's Welsh writings, notably his history of modern philosophy in the well known series, *Cyfres Y Fil*, and his vigorous encouragement to others who essayed a similar task, give him a secure place among the outstanding Welshmen of his day.

He was a deeply religious person, unobtrusively so *again, and his own church and* denomination (he was a Welsh Baptist) had a special place for him.

He is survived by his wife, Rhiannon, their two sons and three daughters.

MISS DOROTHY WARD

Miss Dorothy Ward, actress, who will best be remembered as a dashing Principal Boy, died on March 30. She was 96.

She was born on April 26, 1890, and first set foot on the boards as a girl in *Bluebeard*, by curious chance the only pantomime in which she never played Principal Boy.

It was Robert Courtneidge who oversaw her rise to fame and fortune, bringing her to London to appear in *The Dairymaids* at the Apollo.

The following Christmas, at Edinburgh, she was understudy to Prince Charming, who conveniently fell ill. She slipped into the Principal Boy's tights and wore them every season thereafter.

She always remembered the Courtneidge maxim: "If you've anything to say, don't say it from the wrist or elbow, but from the shoulder".

Her private life was happily invaded by the fantasy world of her acting. She was playing Little Jack Horner in Newcastle, where a young Irishman by the name of Shaun Glenville was appearing as the Dame. On the last night of the run it was announced from the stage that the hero and his mother were engaged to be married.

From that day onwards, few Christmas Eves passed without Mr and Mrs Glenville on the same stage, he in skirts and she in tights.

Miss Ward exchanged the traditional thigh-slapping, rollicking Principal Boy's performance for a romantic sincerity. Though it was true that she had the strut and swagger of an Edwardian cavalry officer (dismounted).

Her legs were the most prominently advertised part of her performance. She rejected fish-net tights, though an admiring Mae West once presented her with a large stock of them.

Her rather large, oval face, her bright blue eyes, the fair hair falling low in loose curls, represented a traditional style of English beauty and innocence.

She was always ready to assist her less fortunate colleagues either by private benevolence or by helping in the organization of special charity performances.

During the Second World War she worked for ENSA, and quickly won the affection of the troops.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.
Hebrews 9 : 27,28

BIRTHS

ALDWORTH - On March 30th, to Carolyn and Colin, a daughter, Charlotte Laura.

ALLEN THOMPSON - On March 27th 1987, at Guys Hospital, to Marilyn and Robert, a son, James.

ANDERSON - On February 7th 1987, in New Zealand, to Rosemary (née Kinnes) and George, a son, Charles a brother for Victoria.

ARTHUR - On 26th March, in Leicester, to Janet (née Erskine) and Gordon, a son, Allan Douglas Erskine, a brother for Isobel.

BRENT - On March 24th, to Gillian and Thomas, a daughter. Thanks to everyone who helped.

CONGDON - On March 28th 1987, to Janet (née Rolfe) and Richard, a daughter.

DIXON - On March 26th, to Maria (née Carralafuente) and Paul, a daughter (Stephanie Bethmarie).

EMSLIE - On March 21st, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Caroline (née Hector) and Brian, a son, (James Melville), a brother for Katie.

HANNA - On March 28th 1987, to Hilary (née MacGregor) and Trevor, a daughter, Amelia Victoria.

HERON - On March 30th, at Kingston, to Amanda (née Fox) and Maxwell, a son, (Thomas Maxwell James), a brother for Annabel.

HOLLAND - On March 21st to Leah and Kelvin, a daughter, Naomi Monica, a sister for Douglas and Max.

IRWIN-BROWN - On March 22nd 1987, in California, to Mary (née Ellis) and James, a son, Daniel James Peter, a brother for Jessica.

KING - On March 30th, at Milton Keynes Hospital, to Anne (née Lord) and Timothy, a son, Simon Timothy

KNOX - On March 31st, to Claire and Jim, a son (Rupert James Stuart).

LESTER - On March 26th 1987, to Jill (née Brachi) and Gordon, a daughter, Rebecca Sarah.

McCULLOCH - On March 29th, to Mary-Clare (née Cornwallis) and Ian, a daughter, a sister for Ruari and Rohan.

PAUL - On March 27th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Anne (née Driver) and Robin, a daughter, Emily, a sister for James.

PEGUM - On February 23rd, at the Victoria Maternity Hospital, to Anne (née Petts) and Stephen, a son, Timothy Michael, a brother for Edward.

PENDER - On March 28th, at The Westminster Hospital, to Helen (née Patey) and Charles, a son, George Alexander Tresilian.

REED - On March 23rd 1987, to Moya (née Livesey) and Nicholas, a son, Bernard Matthew William.

SAGROTT - On March 26th 1987, to Carol (née Allsop) and Robert, a son, Stefan Charles Laurent.

SERGEANT - On March 26th, at home, to Carol (née Hawksworth) and Philip, a son, David Benjamin Frank, a brother for Nicola.

SHIPSTER - On March 26th, at The British High Commission Hospital, New Delhi, to Jackie and Michael, a son, Robert Norman, a brother for Kate and Tuuli.

THYNE - On March 30th, in Edinburgh, to Deirdre and William, a daughter, Virginia.

VENNING - On March 30th at Princess Mary Hospital, Newcastle, to Pam (nee Berryman) and Mike, a son, Noel Clive.

MARRIAGES

HARDEN-STEPHENS - On March 28th 1987 at Oxford Place Methodist Church, Leeds, Mr Ian J. Harden to Miss Susan M. Stephens.

ROYTH:WONG WAI-PIK - On 26th February 1987 in New York City, Stephen Jonathon Royth to Miss Ubby Wong Wai-Pik.

SPEER:LENTING - On March 28th 1987 in Norwich, Henry Miles Culhorm Speer to Maria Jaqueline Lenting.

DEATHS

BENTON - On March 29th 1987, at Brompton Hospital, London, Patricia June, after many years of illness fought with great courage, dearly loved by husband Don, daughters Gill and Hilary, sons-in-law Alan and Michael and grand-daughter Gemma. Cremation at Guildford, on Friday April 3rd, at 11.00am. Family flowers only, but donations to Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal Fund, or to British Heart Foundation, much appreciated.

BERNAYS - On March 30th, peacefully at home, Nancy, beloved wife of the late Robert Bernays, MP for Bristol North, mother of Richard and Robert, sister of Jack Britton. Funeral Olveston, Near Bristol on April 2nd at 12.00pm. Memorial service at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol on April 23rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, Bristol or Bristol Old People Welfare.

BRITTAIN-CATLIN - On March 29th 1987, suddenly in London, John Edward. Loving father of Daniel, Timothy, Will, Larissa and Alexander, and husband of Barbara. Requiem mass 10.00am April 2nd 1987, at the Church of The Holy Redeemer, Chelsea.

BROADBENT - On Sunday 29th March 1987, peacefully in Oxford, after a brief illness, Sir William Francis Baronet, aged 82. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Rd., Oxford at 11.15am on Thursday 2nd April 1987. Flowers to Arthur W. Bruce Ltd., 29 Rogers St., Oxford, by 10.00am.

BROWN - On March 28th 1987, peacefully at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, Kenneth Brown MA (Cambs) aged 86 years, 30 Shore St, Anstruther. Dearly loved husband of Mamie Durie and a dear father and grandfather. Funeral service at Kirkcaldy crematorium on Thursday April 2nd at 11.30am, to which all friends are invited.

BURROWS - On March 28th, peacefully in her sleep, Joan Patricia, beloved mother and grandmother, widow of the late JWG Whyte (Royal Engineers). Will be missed by all her family and friends. Private cremation.

CLWYD - See Roberts.

COLLINS - On March 28th 1987, in hospital after a long illness, Hilda Collins, widow of Walter Collins and much loved mother." Present with the Lord". Funeral at Clifton Hall, SE25, on Friday April 3rd, at 1.30pm. Enquiries to 01-653 6823.

DALTON - On March 27th, after a long illness courageously fought, Barry, much loved husband of Valerie and father of Claudia, Nicholas and James. No Flowers please, but Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Percy Dalton Ltd, Old Ford Works, Dace Road, London E3.

FAIERS - On March 30th, at Trinity Hospice, Clapham, Molly, dearly loved by her four sisters. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 3rd April at 4pm.

FLOYD - On March 27th 1987, in Florida, Mary formerly Ellison (née Edmeades) aged 68 years. Twin daughter of F. Edmeades; sister of Thomas and Ann and mother of Dr. David Stuart Ellison and Dr. Siobhan Ellison. A rare and private courage.

GRAY - On March 30th 1987, peacefully at home, Agneta Annie, aged 93 years, of Sonning, Berkshire.

GUTHRIE - On March 30th, at Yeovil Hospital, Jock Seton, aged 71, after a long illness, borne with great courage, much loved husband of Daphne, devoted father of Nicholas and Alastair and dearest grandpa of Harry. Funeral enquiries Harold .F. Miles, Tel: North Cadbury 40367.

LAWRENCE MILLER - On March 24th 1987, peacefully at his home in Sudbury, Suffolk, Jack, Artist. Funeral service St. Mary's Church, Battersea Thursday 2nd April at 2pm, followed by interment at Mortlake Cemetery. Enquiries please to Robert J. Parker & Son, Funeral Directors, 57 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk Tel. 0787 70909.

LESLIE - See Lynch.

LYNCH - On March 28th 1987 at Oxford, Margaret Jane, aged 42, wife of Thomas Lynch, mother of Matthew and daughter of Professor R.F. and Mrs P.M. Leslie. Details of funeral later.

MACDONALD - On March 25th 1987, at home, Ewen, aged 86 years, of Queens Road, Wimbledon, loving husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, today, April 1st, at 2.30pm.

MAYNE - On March 30th 1987, peacefully in Cheltenham, Vera, aged 91, devoted wife of the late Reverend Alfred Simpkin Mayne and beloved mother of Pamela, Peter and Patricia and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Family flowers only, but enquiries to Selim Smith & Co, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Tel: (0242) 528383.

McLEOD - On March 28th 1987, suddenly, but peacefully after a short illness, at The Churchill Clinic, Ian. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Friday April 3rd, at 1.30pm. Flowers and enquiries, please, to W. Garstin and Sons, 10 Chiltern Street, London W1. Tel 01 935 4868.

ORR-EWING - On March 28th, peacefully at 33 Worcester Court, Clifton, Bristol, Hugh James M C, M D F R C P Reunited with his beloved Muriel, devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather in his 96th year. Funeral service at Christ Church, Clifton on Friday April 3rd at 1.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to C.M.J., 30C Clarence Road, St Albans or Scripture Union, Box 38, Bristol BS99 7NA. 'He giveth his beloved sleep'.

PENNINGTON - On March 29th 1987, Alfred William (Tim) much loved husband of Marjorie.

RICKETTS - On 29th March, at Kinnersley Castle, Kinnersley, near Hereford, Lt.Col. Charles Humphreys Ricketts, M.B.E., M.C., late The South Staffordshire Regt., aged 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Pauline and dear father of Antony and Dawn. Funeral service will be held at Kinnersley Parish Church, Kinnersley, on Saturday 4th April at 11.30am.

ROBBINS - On March 28th, in her 95th year, Josephine, daughter of R.L. and Charlotte Capell, Northampton, wife of the late Alfred Gordon Robbins (The Times, 1908-1927), beloved mother of Michael Robbins and Margaret Skipper, dear aunt, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Cremation private; funeral service to be arranged at Boughton, Northampton.

ROBERTS - On March 30th 1987, peacefully at home, John Trevor Roberts, 2nd Baron Clwyd, aged 86 years, dear father of Anthony and Alison, and beloved father-in-law and grandfather. Private cremation at Putney Vale, on Monday, April 6th at 10.00am, to be followed by Service of Thanksgiving, at St. Bartholomew The Great, Smithfield EC1, at 3.00pm. No flowers, but friends may send donations if they so desire, to Dr. Barnado's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Essex.

SHAW - On Monday March 30th 1987, at her home 21 Love Lane, Caroline Emma (Carrie) (née Rhodes), devoted and beloved wife of the late William Simpson Shaw (Billie), greatly loved and wonderful mother of Pam, Pat and Ann, beloved Granny of Caroline, Bill, Mark, Ann, Tom, Stephen and Penny, and of her three great-grandchildren. Deeply mourned. Funeral private. 'Sorrow is not forever, love is.'

STEVENS - On March 30th, Charles Clinton, Commodore Royal New Zealand Navy, in his 75th year, of Lake Hawea, Otago, New Zealand. Beloved husband of Eileen, muchloved father of Geoffrey, grandfather of Georgina, Alexander and Pelham, beloved step-father. Service to be held at the Church of England, Lake Hawea, Friday April 3rd.

STOCKDALE - On March 28th 1987, very peacefully at home in Austwick, North Yorkshire, John Ramsden, aged 68. Much loved husband of Jean and father of Christopher, David and Peter. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at the Church of the Epiphany, Austwick on Tuesday 7th April at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

THWAITES - On March 27th, peacefully in London, Eleanor, widow of Geoffrey, beloved mother, grandmother and friend. Service at All Saints Church, Clydesdale Road, Notting Hill, London W11, on Monday April 6th at 12.00 noon, followed by private cremation. Please no flowers, donations if desired to: British Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, Cannon Collins House, 64 Essex Road, London N1.

WARD - On March 30th, Mary Elizabeth, peacefully in hospital, loved mother of Arthur, Jane and Sarah. Private cremation, no flowers please, donations to cancer research.

WILLIAMS - On March 30th, peacefully after a long illness, Ellen Barbara Williams (née Soames). Beloved wife of the late Graham Williams and greatly loved mother of Peter and Diana, grand-mother of Anna, Jeremy and Laura. Funeral on Tuesday April 7th at All Saints Church, Alton, Hants, at 2pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

WOOTTON - On March 31st, peacefully at The Cottage Hospital, Marlow William Robert, much beloved husband of Linda and father of Robert. No flowers or letters please. Private cremation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BYLES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the late Alan Byles F.R.C.O.G., will be held at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday May 9th at 10.30am. Alan would have wished all those who shared his enjoyment of life to come and give thanks.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DYOTT - Hugh Felton, born April 1st 1887, died 8th November 1947. For 25 years in Tientsin, N China, a wool merchant and Sinophile.

STAMP - The Honourable Maxwell. In ever loving memory of Max, who died 31st March, 1984.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WESTGARTH - The Funeral Service for Harry Lawson Westgarth will be held at Les Camps, Grande Rue, St Martin's, Guernsey on Thursday April 2nd 1987 at 2.00pm. Flowers and enquiries to Beckfords Funeral Services, Les Jenemies, St Saviour's, Guernsey. Donations if desired to The Marie Curie Foundation, Appeals Office, 9 Belgrave Mews South, London, SW1X 8BW.

University news

Salford

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £194,172 to Dr B Mills to support a teaching company programme between the university and Whitecroft plc. The grant is complemented by funds of £59,129 from the company. £86,616 to Dr Mills for a teaching programme with Ferodo Ltd and GEC Traction (plus £94,767 from the companies); £214,941 to Professor D J Sanger for a teaching company programme with GEC Installation Equipment (plus £133,424 from the company); £237,919 to Professor J O Gray, Dr J G Pearce and Dr G H Tomlinson to support a teaching programme between the university and A M Locke and Company and Francis Shaw and Company (plus £75,924 from the companies); £49,070 to Professor G Carter, Dr Tomlinson, Dr A E Hill and Dr A F Knott for a teaching programme with Ferranti Electronics (plus £52,727 from the company); £89,648 to Dr J S Colligon and Dr R D Arnell to study the physical processes occurring in ion plating.

Wales

The following honorary degrees are to be awarded:

LL.D: President Kenneth Kaunda, of Zambia, in recognition of his role as a world statesman.

D.Litt: Professor Edouard Bachellery, in recognition of his contribution to Celtic Studies in Europe.

City

Appointments to chairs:

Dr P M Eagles (applied mathematics); Dr J M Gardiner (psychology); Dr D Glycopantis (economics); Visiting Professor C T Grammenos (shipping, trade and finance).

Visiting professors:
Professor W D Dover has been appointed visiting professor in the department of mechanical engineering.
Mr J W Last has been appointed visiting professor in the department of arts policy and management.

Grants

Science and Engineering Council and GEC: £278,950 to Professor A T Johns to study accurate fault location equipment for electrical power transmission lines.
Teaching Co Noble Denton: £197,002 to Dr L F Boswell for the development of a data base for offshore operations.
Commission of the European Communities: £98,973 to Professor B Littlewood for the testing and consequent reliability estimation for real-time embedded software

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DORAN, EDWARD CRESDEE DORAN otherwise EDWARD CRESDEW DORAN late of 45 Odo Road, Dover, Kent died there on or about 25th June 1985.
(Estate about £48,030)

HENWOOD, CHARLES HENRY HENWOOD late of 8 Penn House, St Mary's Road, Portsmouth, Hants died in Portsmouth on 29th November 1985.
(Estate about £17,800)

HILL, EDITH VIOLET HILL, SPINSTER late of 51B Norman road, Wimbledon, London SW19 died at Tooting, London SW17 on 6th December 1984.
(Estate about £10,540)

NEWBY, ANNIE MAY NEWBY, SPINSTER late of St James Hospital, Locksway Road, Portsmouth, Hants died there on 29th December 1985.
(Estate about £10,800)

SIMS, LILIAN PRIMROSE SIMS, SPINSTER late of 70 William Malcolm House, Allesley Road, Coventry died at Coventry on 26th October 1986.
(Estate about £7,000)

SILK, MABEL MAUD SILK otherwise MABEL SILK, SPINSTER late of 41 Wilson Street, Lincoln died (found dead) there on 10th March 1986.
(Estate about £24,000)

SANGSTER, ELIZABETH SANGSTER otherwise ELIZABETH CECILIA ANNA SANGSTER, SPINSTER late of 7 Franklin Square, Spilsby, Lincolnshire died at Hundleby, Lincolnshire on 20th March 1986.
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The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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Charity: Nellie Eleanor Smyrk for the benefit of St Bartholomew's Hospital

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 183805-L8) at St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LUSTRE ENGINEERING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Friday, 3 April 1987 at 2.30 pm, for the purposes provided for in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 1 April 1987 and 2 April 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account (proof of debt) attached and (unless attending in person) a proxy at P O Box No 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 1NT no later than 12 noon on 2 April 1987. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.

25 March 1987
By Order of the Board
GODFREY KING
Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the First day of May 1987 to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, to the undersigned Barry John Ward FCA of 1, 2 & 3 College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LB, the Liquidator of the company and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator either personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven

DATED this Twentieth day of March 1987
B.J WARD
LIQUIDATOR

NOTE: This notice is purely formal as all known creditors will be paid in full

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FP No. 004/256/87
AT AUCKLAND

TO: Doreen Marie Adelaide TIMNEY
FORMERLY OF: Dumsey, Eyot, Chertsey Meades, Chertsey, England

Bryson Richard Lee Timney has filed an application against you for the following order - Dissolution of Marriage.

A copy of the application with a notice containing information for you, may be obtained from my office. If you do not file a notice of defence to the application within 28 days of date of publication of this notice the case may proceed without you being heard.

DATED 27th February 1987
D. GOODMAN
Deputy Registrar
District Court, AUCKLAND

Any person knowing the whereabouts of the abovenamed Doreen Marie Adelaide Timney is asked to bring this notice to her attention.

TALLGRAPH LIMITED
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Keith D Goodman, FCA, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co, whose address is above, will provide for the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 9th April 1987.

DATED the 23rd day of March 1987
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DATED the 24th day of March 1987
M.C. RAYNER
DIRECTOR

STANLEY H THORN & CO LIMITED.
BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE AMEN CORNER:** Transfer from the Tricycle of James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.50pm, Sat 8.15-11.05pm, matinée Wed 3-5.50pm, Sat 4.30-7.20pm, £4.50-£14.50.

☆ **COUNTRY DANCING:** How folk dancing almost died out in rural England - Nigel Williams's attractive play from Stratford 86. Good tunes.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Blackfriars/Moorgate. Tues-Sat 7.30-9pm, matinée Sat 2-3.30pm, £7.50. ☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-6.40pm, £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

☆ **FAIR MAID OF THE WEST:** Imelda Staunton as the pirate queen in Thos Heywood's comedy of love and high jinks on the high seas. An RSC production.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 2-5.15pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **FASCINATING AIDA:** The witty, sexy, subversive threesome, sparking and larking about.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. today 8-10.10pm, Thurs and Fri 6.30-8.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm, £7.50, until April 3.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's musical play about the Big Bang and City greed.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3-£9.

☆ **THREE SISTERS:** Strongly cast Chekhov in a new translation by Michael Frayn.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £3-£7.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** *Prince Edward* Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** *Criterion Theatre* (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **John Bull:** First production in modern times of a 'lost' comedy by George Colman.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.30, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1.70-£7.50, until May 2.

CHELTENHAM: ☆ ***The Heat of the Day:*** Shared Experience's dramatization of Elizabeth Bowen's wartime novel, with Charon Bourke and Patricia Lawrence.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street (0242 572573). Tues-Fri 7.45-10.10pm, Sat 8-10.25pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.55pm, Sat 4.30-6.55pm, £4-£6.50, until April 4.

HARLOW: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero.
Playhouse Theatre, The High (0279 31945). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £2.95-£4.45, until April 4.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Comedians:** Trevor Griffiths's 1975 play *The Comedians* re-written for women performers. With Cheryl Maiker, Jenny Lecoat and Ann Mitchell.
Everyman Theatre, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Tues-Sat 8-10.20pm, £2.50-£4.50, until May 2.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Applause:** *Exciting musical based on the film* All About Eve with Josephine Blake in the Bette Davis role.
Forum Theatre, Wythenshawe, Town Centre, *Manchester* (061 437 9663). *Tues-Sat* 7.30-9.55pm, £3-£7.20, until April 11.

RICHMOND: ☆ **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead:** The Oblivion Boys play the two attendant lords and Lionel Blair the Player King.
Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-940 0088). Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée *Wed and Thurs 2-4.30pm*, £3-£8.50, until April 4.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Pawnbroker Hocks the Moon:** Sheffield 50 years ago when rearmament brought jobs back to the steelworks and idealism took men out to Spain.
Crucible Studio Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50, until April 4.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** First of the season's new plays — Doug Lucie's study of a socialist PR man required to 'sell' the Tory party.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £6-£7.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): Transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft), book-crazed New Yorker, and retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs the tasteful drama (99 min).
≋ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.15.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
≋ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
≋ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** Paul Newman returns to the pool table in a belated sequel to The Hustler. With Tom Cruise as the young protégé. Directed by Martin Scorsese (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
≋ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.40.
≋ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.10, 8.10.

THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15): Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato with a covertly assembled atomic bomb. Michael Caine, ever watchable, is the maverick spycatcher pitted against the KGB's top agent (119 min).
≋ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45.

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (15): Woody Allen's assured comedy-drama. With Allen, Michael Caine, Mia Farrow — an excellent cast (107 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 7.25, 9.50.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. Lavishly designed with Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.45.
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

■ **A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG):** Merchant-Ivory's version of an early Forster novel offers the expected virtues and vices: elegance, civility, bloodlessness. With Helena Bonham Carter (117 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.45.
≋ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
≋ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366/9787). Progs 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

ROCK

☆ **GALA AIDS CONCERT:** George Michael, Bob Geldof, The Communards, Womack & Womack, Bananarama, Herbie Hancock, Holly Johnson, Tom Robinson, Aswad and others lend their talents in a gala performance to raise money for International Aids Week.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7pm, £25.

★ **SIMPLY RED:** With two albums in the UK Top Ten and "The Right Thing" climbing steadily in the US, Mick Hucknall's Mancunian soul boys are riding the crest of a substantial wave. Support is Terence Trent D'Arby, a 24-year-old expatriate New Yorker, also in the charts with "If You Let Me Stay".
National, 234 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (01-328 3141) 7.30pm, £8, for two nights.

☆ **LAIBACH:** A stern Yugoslavian art band, much given to morose expressions of distaste for the lax moral fibre of western society.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, Belvedere Road London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7.30pm, £6.

★ **GARY MOORE:** The Irish guitarist who came to prominence with Thin Lizzy and Colosseum II, and who has enjoyed recent hits with "Out In The Fields" and "Over The Hills and Far Away".
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £7-£8, for two nights.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(–)	Let It Be: Ferry Aid	The Sun/Zeebrugge
2	(1)	Respectable: Mel and Kim	Supreme
3	(9)	Let's Wait Awhile Remix: Janet Jackson	Breakout/A&M
4	(4)	With Or Without You: U2	Island
5	(–)	La Isla Bonita Remix: Madonna	Sire
6	(2)	Everything I Own: Boy George	Virgin
7	(24)	Lean On Me: Club Nouveau	King Jay/WB
8	(6)	Weak In the Presence of Beauty: Alison Moyet	CBS
9	(3)	I Get The Sweetest Feeling: Jackie Wilson	SMP
10	(5)	The Great Pretender: Freddie Mercury	Parlophone

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(–)	Now That's What I Call Music 9: Various	Virgin/EMI
2	(1)	The Joshua Tree: U2	Island
3	(2)	Running in the Family: Level 42	Polydor
4	(4)	Move Closer: Various	CBS
5	(3)	Men And Women: Simply Red	WEA
6	(6)	Phantom of the Opera: Original Cast	Polydor
7	(5)	The Very Best of Hot Chocolate: Hot Chocolate	RAK
8	(7)	Graceland: Paul Simon	WB
9	(10)	Live Magic: Queen	EMI
10	(13)	So: Peter Gabriel	Virgin

Compiled by Gallup for Music Week/BBC/BPI

Some of us have yet to recover from the January instalment of the NFT's season "The First New Wave — Treasures from the French Twenties". So beware: the second part is here, packed with legendary films and forgotten sleeping beauties, kissed back to life by the Cinémathèque Française for their 50th anniversary. The season begins tonight with Raymond Bernard's *Tarakanova*, a tragic epic set in Catherine III's time and long considered lost. Later Jean Epstein and Jean Grémillon gracefully experiment in the fantastic bravura of the Russian emigrés. April promises further exotica from director Alexander Volkoff and his mercurial star Ivan Mosjoukine. The imaginative serial *La Maison du Mystère* features Mosjoukine as a jailed industrialist trying to clear his name. *Kean* describes the famous actor's last years in a meticulously realized 18th century London. Other spectaculars include Léonce Perret's *Koenigsmark*; Tourjansky's *Michel Strogoff* (made with much of the manpower and élan of *Napoleon*); Gance's *La Roue* and de Baroncelli's moving film *Nènè*, starring Sandra Milowanoff (above). Twenty-five programmes will play throughout April at the National Film Theatre, London (01-928 3232). *Geoff Brown*

DANCE

☆ **BATSHEVA:** Dance company from Israel in four works by American choreographers.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Futurist Theatre, Foreshore Road, Scarborough (0725 365789), 7.30-9.30pm, £5.50-£7.50.

☆ **CEREMONIES:** Christopher Bruce's comic and erotic revelation of the beast inside civilized people is given by Ballet Rambert with Richard Austin's *Java* and Mary Evelyn's *Dipping Wings*.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **NEW YORK:** Daniel Ezralow's ballet, along with Robert Cohan's *Ceremony* and *And Do They Do* by Siobhan Davies, are performed by the London Contemporary Dance Theatre.
His Majesty's, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.45-*10pm, £3.50-£8.50.*

OPERA

★ **THE KING GOES FORTH TO FRANCE:** Long-awaited first British staging of the Finnish composer Aulis Sallinen's bizarre tragi-comedy of power struggles in a new Ice Age. Nicholas Hytner unveils his new production with Okku Kamu in the pit.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£23.50.

★ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** A new production by Robert Knights for Kent Opera, with a strong young cast including Patricia Rozario as *Pamina*.
The Marlowe, The Friars, Canterbury (0227 67246), 7.15-10.30pm, £4-£15.

★ **THE MIKADO:** Penultimate performance this time round of Jonathan Miller's all-white production styled on the 1920s.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2-£12.50.

☆ **SILVERLAKE:** Kurt Weill's "winter's tale" of private passions and public morality with its vision of a new society. A rare staging by Abbey Opera as part of the Camden Festival.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon *Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629/01-388 1394)*, 7.30-10pm, £6-£12.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's handsome and witty production of the G & S mock-melodrama, *strongly cast and well sung.*
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Norwich (0603 628205), 7.30-10pm, £5.50-£12.

☆ **LA BOHÈME:** Göran Järvefelt's production for Welsh National Opera with Anne Williams-King and Dennis O'Neill. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.20pm, £6-£19.50.

JAZZ

☆ **GENE CALDERAZZO:** New York drummer leads a band including several bright young Brits, notably Dave DeFries (trumpet) and Iain Ballamy (saxophones).
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **ACKER BILK:** New Orleans-style jazz from the Paramount Jazz Band.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **ELVIN JONES:** At once thunderously powerful and balletically delicate, Jones's drumming is the focal point of his group, the Jazz Machine, which features the fluent saxophonist and flautist Sonny Fortune.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM ISRAEL:** Haydn's Trio Hob XV/13 and Beethoven's Trio Op 97 "Archduke" are performed *by the Israel Piano Trio.*
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 1-1.50pm, £2 and £2.50.

☆ **TELEMANN CONTINUES:** In their relentless journey through Telemann's *Der Harmonische Gottesdienst* the Locosaldi Ensemble reach Cantata No 17, *Du Bist Verflucht, O Schreckensstimme*. They also play Handel's Recorder Sonata Op 1 No 4.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-759 2677), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **BACH TO BULL:** Susan Kendrick performs organ pieces by J. S. Bach, Sweelinck, Haydn, Brahms, Peter Hurford and John Bull.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

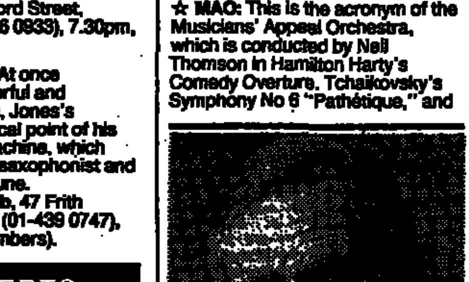
EVENING

☆ **BACH CHOIR BACH:** Conducted by Sir David Willcocks, the Bach Choir, the English Chamber Orchestra and numerous soloists perform Johann Sebastian's *St John Passion.*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-10pm, £2.70-£9.

☆ **SCHUBERT/MAHLER:** Schubert's Symphony No 8 "Unfinished" and Mahler's Symphony No 5 are played by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic under Libor Pesek.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.60-£6.80.

☆ **LITTON/HALLÉ:** The Hallé Orchestra is conducted by Andrew Litton in the Symphonic Dances from Bernstein's *Westside Story*, Grieg's Piano Concerto (soloist, Olli Mustonen) and Dvorak's Symphony No 7.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£8.

☆ **MAO:** This is the acronym of the Musicians' Appeal Orchestra, which is conducted by Neil Thomson in Hamilton Harty's Comedy Overture, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique," and Brahms's Double Concerto. All this is in aid of the Musicians' Appeal for Famine Relief in Africa.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.



Ralph Downes, who radically influenced British organ design, gives his farewell recital at the Festival Hall today at 5.55pm. Born in 1904, Mr Downes entered the Royal College of Music in 1922. He later became organist at Brompton Oratory, giving the UK premières of works by Schoenberg, Hindemith and others. In 1948 he designed for the new Festival Hall an organ which altered the direction of organ building. At 82, Mr Downes still supervises the maintenance of the instrument.

☆ **KREISLER ORCHESTRA:** The Kreisler String Orchestra plays a brace of serenades — Dvořák's in E Op 22 and Tchaikovsky's in C Op 48.
Wigmore Hall, 36 *Wigmore Street*, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£5.50.

☆ **PIANO CONVERSATIONS:** Dominic Alldis gives this title to a piano recital consisting of improvisations which incorporate some of the most recent developments in sound technology, including the new MIDI fortepiano system.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.05pm, £3.

GALLERIES

CRAIGIE AITCHISON: Small but monumental pictures, some continuing his fascination with The Crucifixion, by the poetic colourist and eccentric.
Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-493 7968), Mon-Fri, 11-6pm, free, until May 1.

JOHN BICKNELL: Contemplative, as opposed to decorative, abstract paintings shown in an emergent talent-spotting gallery.
Carlile Gallery, 341 Goswell Road, London EC1 (01-837 1639), Mon-Sat 11-7pm, free, until May 2.

JURGEN GORG: Paintings, drawings and prints by a German artist who discovers inspiration in the sensuality of dance.
CCA Galleries, 8 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 6701), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until April 18.

RICHARD DEACON: Serpentine sculptures in laminated wood by a much acclaimed master of alternative materials.
Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson Gallery, London NW1 (01-262 1539), Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until April 25.

RICHARD WENTWORTH: A piece called Algebra, comprising a crutch and a ladder, is among the new works by this fashionable sculptor.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2251), Tues-Sun 12-8pm, free, until April 12.

TONY O'MALLEY: Tropically dense and colourful abstract pictures by an under-rated St Ives painter.
Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, *17 Grange Terrace, Stockton* Road, Sunderland (091 514 1214), Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until April 18.

ILYA GLAZUNOV: 200 pictures in a baffling range of styles by reputedly the most popular contemporary Soviet artist.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 11-8pm, Sun 12-8pm, £2, until April 20.

WALKS

FOOLS, FAIRS & FESTIVALS PUB WALK SPECIAL: meet Blackfriars tube, 7.15pm, £2.75.

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

BELGRAVIA — UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS: meet Sloane Square tube, 2pm, £2.25.

TREASURES AND TRIVIA OF MAYFAIR AND ST JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 11am, £2.

TALKS

AERODYNAMIC DESIGN METHODS FOR AIRCRAFT WINGS: Lecture by R. C. Lock, visiting professor of Aerodynamics at City University.
Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1 (01-499 3515), 6pm, free.

TATE GALLERY TOURS: *Daily* one-hour lecture tours. The British Collection (11am), Impressionism to Expressionism (noon), Cubism and After (2pm).
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), free.

OTHER EVENTS

CLAWS — A MAJOR DINOSAUR DISCOVERY: Opening day of a remarkable exhibition about the 124 million-year-old flesh-eating dinosaur. Today William Walker who discovered the *dinosaur* and Drs Charig and Milner from the museum will be signing copies of the souvenir booklet on "Claws" and laboratory staff will give bone *manipulation demonstrations.* April 1 is also the launch of the museum's Spring Festival which runs until May 31 and the first day of the new admission charges.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323). Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Admission between 10-4.30pm Mon-Fri and at weekends: adult £2, child 5-15 £1, under-fives free. Between 4.30-6pm Mon-Fri, admission free.

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS: First day of this exhibition which runs until the autumn. Items to be seen include Mary's prayer book and rosary, a number of letters, and the fourth Duke of Norfolk's will.
Arundel Castle, Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883136). Today until Oct 30, Sun-Fri, 1-5. Adult £2.80, child 5-15 £1.60, under fives free.

SPORTS MEDICINE IN ACTION: Exhibition about all forms of exercise and sports from aerobics and athletics to football and field sports. Expert coaches and trainers give advice on how to pursue the activities and how to prevent or treat injuries. Visiting sports personalities, talks, full catering facilities.
Rainbow Suite, 99 Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-937 9898), 11-7pm Adult £5, child 5-15 £2.50, under fives free.

FIREWORK DISPLAY: To celebrate the official opening of the Clore Gallery which will house the Turner Collection at the Tate Gallery, there will be a huge firework display from a barge on the Thames opposite the gallery.
River Thames, 10.30pm, free.

DUDMASTON GARDENS: Open to the public today, a late 17th-century house with some fine flower paintings, an extensive lakeside garden and an American garden. Run by the National Trust.
Dudmaston Hall, Quatt, Bridgnorth, Shropshire (0746 780866). Today *until the end of September*, Wed and Sun 2.30-6pm. Admission to house and gardens: adult £1.80, child 90p; gardens only: adult 80p, child 40p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL: Booking opens today for Yorkshire Baroque Trio and Bach Choir; Northern Sinfonia; Lindsay String Quartet and folk music from Finland, Bolivia, Scotland and the north of England.
Hexham House, Reeth, Richmond, North Yorkshire (0748 84519). Programme from: Ashlands, *Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth* (0748 84501). Please send s.a.e.

NATIONAL TRUST CONCERTS: Booking opens today for concerts at Berrington Hall, Charlecote Park, Coughton Court, Hanbury Hall, Hidcote Manor, and Packwood House, featuring Endellion String Quartet, York Waits in "Mary Queen of Scots" programme, and piano recitals by Nicolai Petrov and Yeoh Ean Mei. July-Sep. Details: **National Trust Regional Office**, 34-6 Church Street, Tewkesbury (0684 297747).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL: Personal/phone booking from today for *Turandot* and *Werther* at Royal Opera House on May 19 and 27.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 48 Floral Street, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL: Telephone booking opens today for 1987 programme including Royal Philharmonic and Philharmonia orchestras, Academy of Ancient Music, Amadeus Quartet, Janet Baker, Peter Katin, Richard Pasco, George Melly and Humphrey Lyttleton. May 6-16. Details: Town Hall, Suite 4, Newbury, Berkshire (0635 32421).

LAST CHANCE

BRITISH AND EUROPEAN PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS: Artists include Burra, Ayrton, Frost, Sutherland, Heron and John Minton. Finishes today.
Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 1732), free.

PORCELAIN AND STONEWARE: First British exhibition by Dutch ceramicist. Works for sale. Until Sunday.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Tomor 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Neeme Jarvi cond Cecile Ousset piano

THE BACH CHOIR: SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS conducts THE BACH CHOIR and THE ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA in a performance of BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION (in German) FESTIVAL HALL, SOUTH BANK LONDON SE1. (01-928 3191. C.C. 01-928 8800) Wednesday 1st April 7.30 pm £2.70-£9.00.

OPERA & BALLET

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THE ARTS

A fickle reason

TELEVISION

In Ken Campbell's recent television play about a Victorian mental asylum, *The Madness Museum*, there was a girl patient who always did the exact opposite of what people wanted her to do. In last night's disturbing, selective world guide to the treatment of the insane, *Viewpoint 87: Forgotten Millions* (ITV), a young American community care worker said that the best way to tell whether tramps in the street were mentally ill or merely "substance abusing" drop-outs was if they approached her van for help. If they did not, they were mad.

Madness has always been the great gainsayer. It submits to classifications and cures only to contradict them. Even when given freedom of speech by devotees of soothsaying or anti-psychiatry, it refuses to behave itself, to rant itself into a final grace of calm and understanding. But reason, as *Forgotten Millions* painfully showed, is just as arbitrarily fickle and contradictory in its approach to madness.

We were shown the barbaric folly of the Japanese, who have locked away 250,000 people in mainly private mental institutions, some of whose practices amount to torture. (A family can quite easily get its unruly members committed for being a thorn in its side.) Then we were given the different cruel absurdity of America, where cost-cutting and misguided legal liberalism have thrust thousands of former mental patients on the streets without providing the necessary back-up facilities, so that, while the best doctors lucratively treat unhappy housewives, many of the seriously ill are left unattended. (Let that be a warning to those who seem bent on providing the same fate for our mentally ill.)

India provided some footage of electric shock treatment being administered without anaesthetics. In Egypt we were shown both a high-tech clinic run according to latest western ways and an apparently enlightened work and play low-drug therapy which seemed to speak for itself – but then madness, no doubt, will have the last word.

Andrew Hislop

Progress of divine inevitability

This afternoon, after all the years of waiting and hoping, the Queen marks an historic moment for British art when she opens the new Clore Gallery for the Turner Collection at the Tate: **John Russell Taylor** investigates what she, and we, will find

Harry Kerr

A battle with Turner's yellows and golds in the oatmeal background to the main first-floor galleries

The great difficulty about evaluating a completely new gallery building, especially when it is hung, by and large, with very familiar paintings, is to keep a sense of proportion. For the moment we are conscious of the building almost to the exclusion of its contents. But soon enough it will, except for major aberrations, become virtually invisible, and the works of art will again take the centre of the stage. The new Clore Gallery of the Tate, which houses the Turner Bequest and opens to the public next Monday, is a good case in point.

What first strikes visitors, and seems to cause a good deal of clucking on the stairs, is James Stirling's defiant choice of characteristic colours for the window-frames (acid green) and small architectural details in the lobby (Swinging Sixties turquoise and purple). So, they are thoroughly un-Turnerian and not in the most refined of ghastly good taste, but since one does not have to contemplate them in combination with the paintings I cannot see that it matters very much, and the effect is at least fairly bright and cheery.

In fact, the big colour miscalculation in the gallery (not, apparently, any of Stirling's doing) comes on the contrary from someone's having opted for a quiet, negative effect in the main first-floor galleries where all the major oils are hung: the drab oatmeal shade which has been selected for the walls seems to drain the paintings of colour, and really battles with Turner's yellows and golds. The sort of crushed raspberry shade used to back the reserve collection upstairs, alarming at first glance, actually works a lot better and certainly comes nearer to Turner's own clearly stated preferences.

I have no real quarrel with the general layout of the galleries, which on the main floor enables the pictures to be shown, not too crowded, in chronological order. Even the relatively low hanging of the big pictures does not seem to me the disaster some have thought it, except where there are free-standing glass cases dropped in the middle of rooms, so that one cannot get as far away from the paintings as one might desire without having the view interrupted.

Detail of Turner's early self-portrait

It does seem odd, however, that the reserve galleries are lit with two wide bands of light concealed in the pendent ceiling, so that the walls at either end are not really lit at all, while the higher-hung paintings (here it is Academy hang from floor to ceiling) are, especially when they are quite unnecessarily glazed, striped with inescapable bands of reflection and impossible to see properly from any angle.

The oatmeal can be easily corrected and no doubt will be. The lighting problems will need more sorting out, but should not be beyond human ingenuity to ameliorate. And the important thing remains that, even when all criticisms are voiced and taken account of, the works themselves remain, are seeable more extensively than ever before (for the next six months even the National Gallery's holdings have been moved in here), and immediately invite reappraisal in the terms that Turner had in mind, no doubt, when he left his own collection of his work to the nation.

A number of things at once become clear. The logic of his development, from Dutch models to Claudian models, to being his own man, has never been seriously doubted, but here we can observe it in all its sublime inevitability. It is notable, also, that his much-castigated handling of the human figure does prove to have its own rather crazy logic: indubitably, he was better at it at the beginning than at the end of his career. This would seem to argue either that he never was much interested, only later he stopped worrying about letting this show, or that the strange chinless shapes he later imposes on all the humans in sight (not so dissimilar to Fuseli's, though he is not usually criticized for it) were part of a deliberate process of stylization. Or possibly both at the same time.

Incidentally, one of his most familiar figure compositions is skied in the reserve collection (*Jessica*, I think it is, though as the reserve collection is, perhaps permanently, unlabelled, it is hard to be sure), but at least the splendid early self-portrait is downstairs to show what he could do in this line if he exerted himself.

Another section which works very well is the room devoted to Venice, where the final exhibited pictures are confronted by preliminary studies and sketches, the difference being dramatized by the absence of frames from the unexhibited preparatory work. In general, as we might expect, the latest, most clearly proto-Impressionist works still come off best, dazzling the eye and intriguing the mind as well – for Turner was clearly no simpleton working entirely out of instinct, but a very conscious artist whose thought-processes and scientific observations on what he was painting are very apparent in the finished work. It must also be said that the great machines of his middle years, unmistakably though they follow and challenge Claude, can still on occasion take us by storm, even against our better judgement.

In fact, the only things that do not come up fresh and ready for new judgement seem to be the earliest works: glum and drab and over-dependent on Dutch models (and helped least of all by the oatmeal), they constantly remind us that Turner was not born great, but gradually hauled himself up to greatness by his boot-straps. And why not? Provided, of course, that the end result is worth all the labour. Poor Benjamin Robert Haydon was bent on greatness, and went through as much agony (maybe more) trying hopelessly to achieve it. But Turner's ultimate confidence – you must be pretty confident to leave your collected works to a presumably grateful nation – was wholly justified, and it is good that now, at long last, something reasonable has been done to house the collection in the manner to which it ought long ago to have become accustomed.

Comical drama of dirty tricks

THEATRE

Love Field
Bush

When the city of Dallas mounted a family entertainment musical on the Kennedy assassination, its undoubted star was a famed Texas stripper called Chastity Fox. In this latest addition to the Kennedy archive, Stephen Davis goes one better by putting a stripper at the centre of the conspiracy.

Candy Barr (Joanne Pearce) is not only the number one attraction of Jack Ruby's Carousel Club; she is also going strong with Lee Harvey Oswald, fighting off the attentions of Patrolman Tippett, and much in demand in Las Vegas whence she returns with stories of having slept with the President. Theatrically, the effect is to turn Ruby's club into a family home for all the principals in the case – with Oswald working behind the bar, visits from Mafia and CIA agents, and the woebegone Tippett turning up to bribe his way into Candy's company with little offerings from the station records ("Every man's police file is his own business"). The only disappointment is that Kennedy himself never drops in.

It puts some strain on credulity to see a devout underworld capitalist like Ruby giving houseroom to Oswald, who parades the streets brandishing a "Fair Play for Cuba" placard. Nor are the assassinations much clarified by the Jacobean intrigue of Ruby's last reckoning with a former colleague in the Chicago Mafia. What the play does offer is a highly-charged and richly comic drama of dirty tricks showing the American Justice Department and the criminal community making common cause against the Cuban threat.

Stripper in evident demand: Joanne Pearce's Candy Barr

With cigarette butts scrupulously ground into the carpet, Geoff Rose's chrome and red-plastic bar-room is an exact match for its tacky inhabitants. The shared quality of Simon Stokes's company is that they all convince you that they have a coherent story to tell, no matter how the playwright may leave you behind.

Tony Haygarth's genially desperate Ruby (a former hitman trying to go straight), Michael Graham Cox's battered, impassively menacing Mafia boss, and Aden Gillett's Tippett, a fresh-faced psychopath flashing hungry, beseeching eyes, are portraits in depth. As well as relishing the brilliantly foul-mouthed dialogue and radiating comic energy, they transmit a sense of their past lives.

Irving Wardle

Country Dancing
The Pit

The mighty machine of the RSC's London season gets under way this week with, for the first time, three theatres to match its three in Stratford. Nigel Williams's shortish play, reviewed by Irving Wardle at the Other Place last autumn, is the first of the Stratford productions to re-emerge, and its intricate amalgam of dance and memory steps easily into the square stage of the Pit. It is a busy play, backing and advancing in time, stepping from village to town and from barn to factory, yet the impression it leaves is curiously empty.

Cecil Sharp, the Edwardian collector of English folk-songs, stands at one pole of the play. First seen noting down a tune from a rascally old fiddler (Stuart Richman), he emerges in Richard Easton's performance as a genial obsessive, alert to the gathering storm-clouds (the time is summer 1914), who would like to bottle and preserve old England much as he is capturing its music. To show up Sharp's view of the past as falsely idyllic a group of villagers dance in from the 1840s, hopping, stamping and switching partners, in the manner of dance before the dangerous waltz came in and permitted dancers to keep the same partner throughout.

One of the villagers is the other pole of the play, the fiddler when young. A bailiff's man, his story of rivalry and betrayal revolves around a wife who loves her brother more than her man. This is the hole at the play's centre, a tug-of-love that cannot carry the historical significance foisted on to it by the author.

Gerard Murphy, the rebel labourer unjustly transported to Van Diemen's Land, has to operate as a proto-Marxist and strike-leader; here, as elsewhere, Nigel Williams expects the words of old songs to fill out individual character. Richard Easton also has to play a cold-hearted squire, given the name of Sharp too, presumably because both men belong to the same class. He nonetheless attractively manoeuvres the jumps in character even when this just means pushing his pipe back into his mouth to mark the return to 1914.

Bill Alexander's production shows ingenuity in the presentation of evolving events through dance. All the dancing is spirited, inclining the feet to tap, and when Cecil Sharp joins them in the closing measure, though on most levels the point of this is baffling, there is a superficial pleasure in seeing him sporting in his never-never-land of yore.

Jeremy Kingston

● Michael Hampe directs Rossini's opera buffa *L' Italiana in Algeri* at this year's Schwetzingen Festival. The production, from the historic Court Theatre, will be shown live by television via Eurovision on May 10.

CONCERT

Opus 20/Stroman
Purcell Room

It is a pleasure to be able to write that Opus 20 is a string ensemble of young players dedicated to performing the music of our own age. The group's guiding spirit is Scott Stroman, who here conducted a well-balanced programme that paid homage to Stravinsky (with a taut performance of the Concerto in D) and also performed marvellous service for two living British composers, Nicholas Maw and Michael Blake Watkins, both of them present.

Watkins's *Clouds and Eclipses* for guitar (the excellent Eric Hill) and strings takes as its inspiration a line from Shakespeare's Sonnet XXXV, "Clouds and eclipses stain both moon and sun". Its textures are unashamedly lush, its sense of momentum derived from subtle interactions between soloist and ensemble. Yet, attractive though this soft-edged dreamscape is, the shapeliness implicit in the composer's description of it as "one giant rubato" does not seem to be there. The same could perhaps be said for Watkins's *Somnial* for guitar alone, in which ideas tended to lose their substance in the context of the whole. And the medium surely offers more possibilities than this piece explored.

Watkins's sumptuous sound-world has much in common with that of Maw, whose masterly *Life Studies* (1973), for two antiphonal ensembles grouped around a double bass, were given in their entirety (the composer allows certain omissions).

Maw here paints a complex and vast canvas, his textures often closely related to some of Lutoslawski's. He can write fast and thrillingly spontaneous music as well as slow and richly lyrical, in myriad layers or in just one line. But most impressive is the way in which he takes you along with his thoughts. There really is no protesting, especially given the magnificent commitment of a performance like this.

Stephen Pettitt

Weill's vitality

OPERA

Silverlake
Bloomsbury

The "silverlake" of Georg Kaiser's play is the heaven on earth towards which the two central characters, the penitent policeman Olim and the honest thief Severin, are making their way after a long evening of oppressions. Perhaps it was in order to circumvent the corniness of this ending that the director John Eaton decided to have the rest of the cast extinguished in a gas chamber, but this shamefully cheap episode is the only important blot on a vital and confident Abbey Opera production that brings one of Kurt Weill's post-Brecht collaborations to the stage in this country for the first time.

Comparison with *The Threepenny Opera* and *Mahagonny* is inevitable, given the closeness in time, style and subject, but *Der Silbersee* is much less dependent on its score. Two of the main characters, Olim and the venomous Frau von Luber, have very little to sing, which has the effect, perhaps because Weill's artistic voice is much more familiar than Kaiser's, of separating them from what one interprets as the centre of the work. In the case of Frau von Luber, the monster of a housekeeper who stops at nothing to gain what she feels to be the due of one of noble birth, this presents no problem: she is a grotesque, and Meriel Dickinson makes her a grotesque of majestic proportions.

Olim's, however, is the moral voice of the play, and his lack of music is more disabling – though so most certainly is his hollowness in the first two acts. His compassion for Severin, whom he wounded when on duty, owes less to fellow feeling than to a lottery win, and even Michael Heath's gentle eloquence cannot disguise the fact that he behaves as an automaton for much of the time until he falls victim to Frau von Luber.

Other characters, too, are very stiffly made: notably a pair of shopgirls who discourse on capitalist economics and then disappear. Yet perhaps the underlying problem is that *Der Silbersee* was written as a political critique at the most critical possible moment: it had its first performances in February 1933. Of course Mr Eaton is right to say that many of the same problems remain, for evil has no need to be inventive; but methods of criticism and correction have to change, and it is hard to see the play now as anything but a period piece which has lost much of its edge with the passing of more than half a century.

Donald Cooper

Majestic grotesque: Meriel Dickinson (right), Kate Flowers

This is not to deny, though, the fierce commitment in the staging, particularly where Nigel Robson's suffering Severin is in the centre. Kate Flowers wonderfully achieves the roles of harlot, frump and inspiratrix inherent in Fennimore, and a sharp, fast, tangy orchestral performance is conducted by Antony Shelley.

Paul Griffiths

Manon/ The Consul
RNCM, Manchester

The Royal Northern College of Music has again presented two operas at the same time with performances that in several ways are the equal of many professional companies. In fact for Massenet's Manon they could assemble a chorus rather larger than is likely to be possible when it is taken over by Opera North, who shared the production and provided David Lloyd-Jones to conduct.

But Opera North will have been able to profit from the experiment and perhaps modify some of Richard Hudson's designs. To set *Manon* in a grey box is a better idea than it may seem, partly because the producer, Richard Jones, uses it with unfailing intelligence and visual imagination. Moreover, David Cunningham's lighting often makes it actually rather a beautiful grey box. But, in an opera that derives so much of its magic from charm and wit, sets like this present an enormous hurdle for the singers to surmount.

As Manon, Sally Harrison did so largely with her quite exceptional stage sense and timing, though that is not to deny her fine if still young soprano voice, her effortless high notes and her excellent French diction. Colin McKerracher has a rich tenor with the ability to make Des Grieux's difficult music sound exciting, but he became dramatically convincing only in the anguished later acts. From Simon Keenlyside's elegantly sung Lescaut it was clear that he understood that this is the most complex character in the opera, though too many of his details were swallowed by the drab surroundings. Only Mark Glanville found precise characterization easy, singing the Count with a splendidly black tone.

The orchestra played well but perhaps not so well as their colleagues in the other opera, Menotti's The Consul. Here Sian Edwards conducted an exceptionally precise and dramatic performance. Julia Parrott was thus able to shape the role of Magda Sorel with terrifying force, leading to her massive climax in Act II (aided by the excellent Secretary of Adèle Paxton), when she allowed the full gold of her voice to flow, winding down from there to her abject end. Bruno Caproni was a powerful John Sorel, Alison Hudson's contralto is still on the light side but she sang the Mother with absolute control, and particularly fine smaller roles came from Andrew Forbes Lane as the Magician as well as Amanda Roocroft as Anna Gomez.

David Fallows

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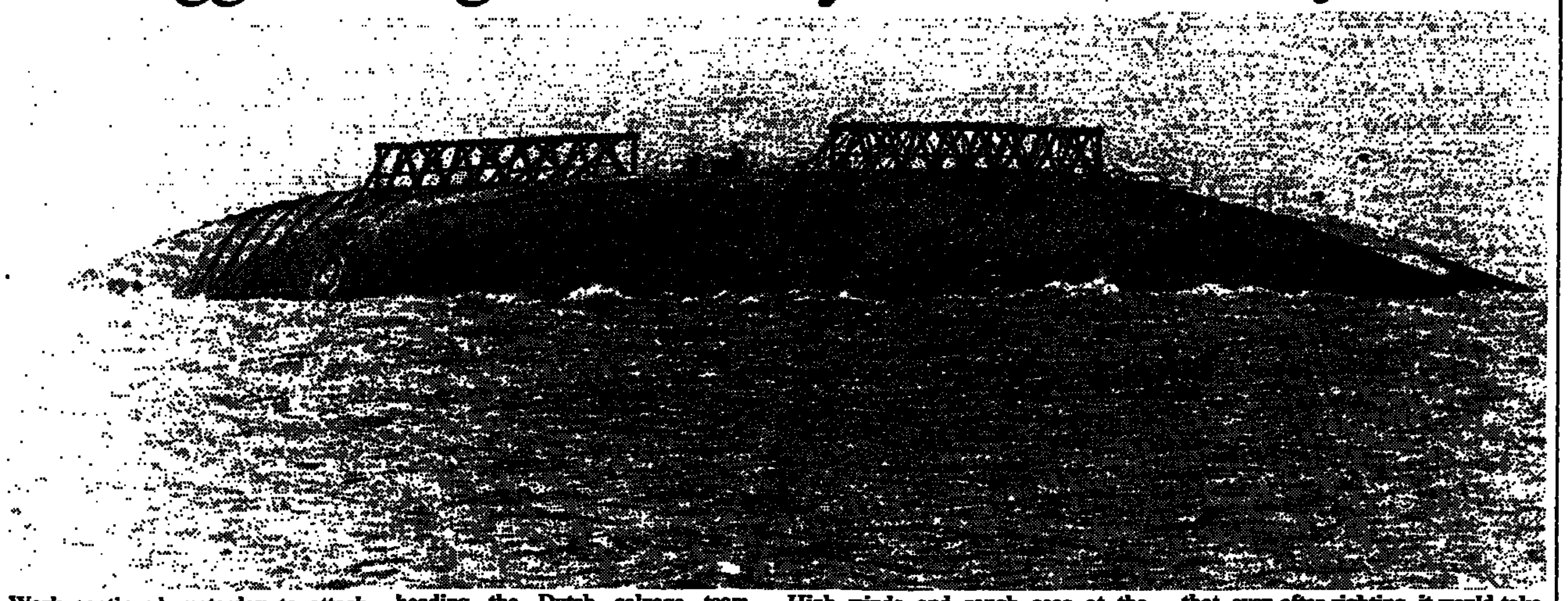

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Herald death toll could be 200, says company

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survivors and 73 missing.

The 61st body to be recovered from the wreck was pulled up off Zeebrugge yesterday.

Townsend Thoresen has stuck by its figures on the disaster, making adjustments only when more bodies were recovered.

Although initial press reports put the death toll at about 200, the company has subsequently dismissed the Kent figures and claims by Belgium's transport minister, Mr Herman de Croo, that 199 died in the ferry.

Mr Peter Ford, Townsend Thoresen chairman, was unavailable for comment yesterday, but a company spokesman in London said: "I know we will be accused of trying to play down the figures, but there has seemed little point in switching one set of figures, whose accuracy we have always said was in doubt, with another set which might be just as wrong.

"The only way we will arrive at a *true figure is when* all the bodies are recovered. Kent police have, anyway, been progressively lowering their own estimate of the number missing."

Kent police have refused to be drawn into a public row with the ferry company over the death toll but they have insisted on the accuracy of their own figures, based on reports from survivors and relatives.

A spokesman said: "If we did not know for certain that a person was on the ferry, we would not record it."

Jobs for 50,000 in dock deal

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world. The scale is absolutely massive."

He said the 7,000 new homes would reflect government policy of trying to keep the public sector out of housing.

Many homes would be for private renting. Housing associations and co-operatives would be encouraged.

"It's a golden opportunity to try to get a mixed form of tenure. We will be trying to create a whole new community there.".

Mr Christopher Benson, chairman of the LDDC, described the announcement as "marvellously good news, some of the best news we have heard."

Howe signs four accords

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enskaya Embankment, on a site inspected yesterday by Mrs Thatcher.

In return, the Russians, who at present have 1-7 Kensington Palace Gardens and another site elsewhere, will develop new embassy offices and 20 staff flats on one site, and will convert 6-7 Kensington Palace Gardens for use as an official residence next door.

The new agreement on space research provides for British participation in a Soviet-led probe to the Martian moon of Phobos, preparatory to a possible later mission to Mars.

Adding to an agreement made last year by Mr Roy Gibson, director-general of Britain's National Space Centre, the arrangement consolidates and formalizes links between the Soviet Space Institute and British centres, including those at Birmingham and London universities.

It will involve pure science work in such fields as high-energy and astrophysics. Sensitive technology is not to be involved, and it will concern only unmanned space missions.

The Russians have said that they are prepared to launch satellites for other people, but British sources said yesterday that the UK had no intention of duplicating its co-operation with the US in this field.

As predicted in *The Times* yesterday, a further memorandum of understanding was signed on culture, information and education exchanges. It contains a no-jamming agreement on broadcasting.

The agreement will provide for exchanges of touring orchestras, ballets and theatre groups, and will encourage joint television discussion programmes and exchange visits between journalists and schools.

As a conscious attempt to build on Mr Gorbachov's new policy of *glasnost*, the agreement provides for an annual public lecture alternating between Britain and the Soviet Union.

Yesterday, Mrs Thatcher opened new offices for the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce. At the same time details emerged of several new Soviet contracts for British firms.

Last year, British exports to Russia rose marginally, from £537 million to £539 million.

Modern buildings can now become 'historic'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

All buildings in England more than 30 years old are to become eligible for listing under a radical conservation initiative to be announced by the Government tomorrow.

And in exceptional cases Ministers will be able to give legal protection to structures with special significance built up until 1977.

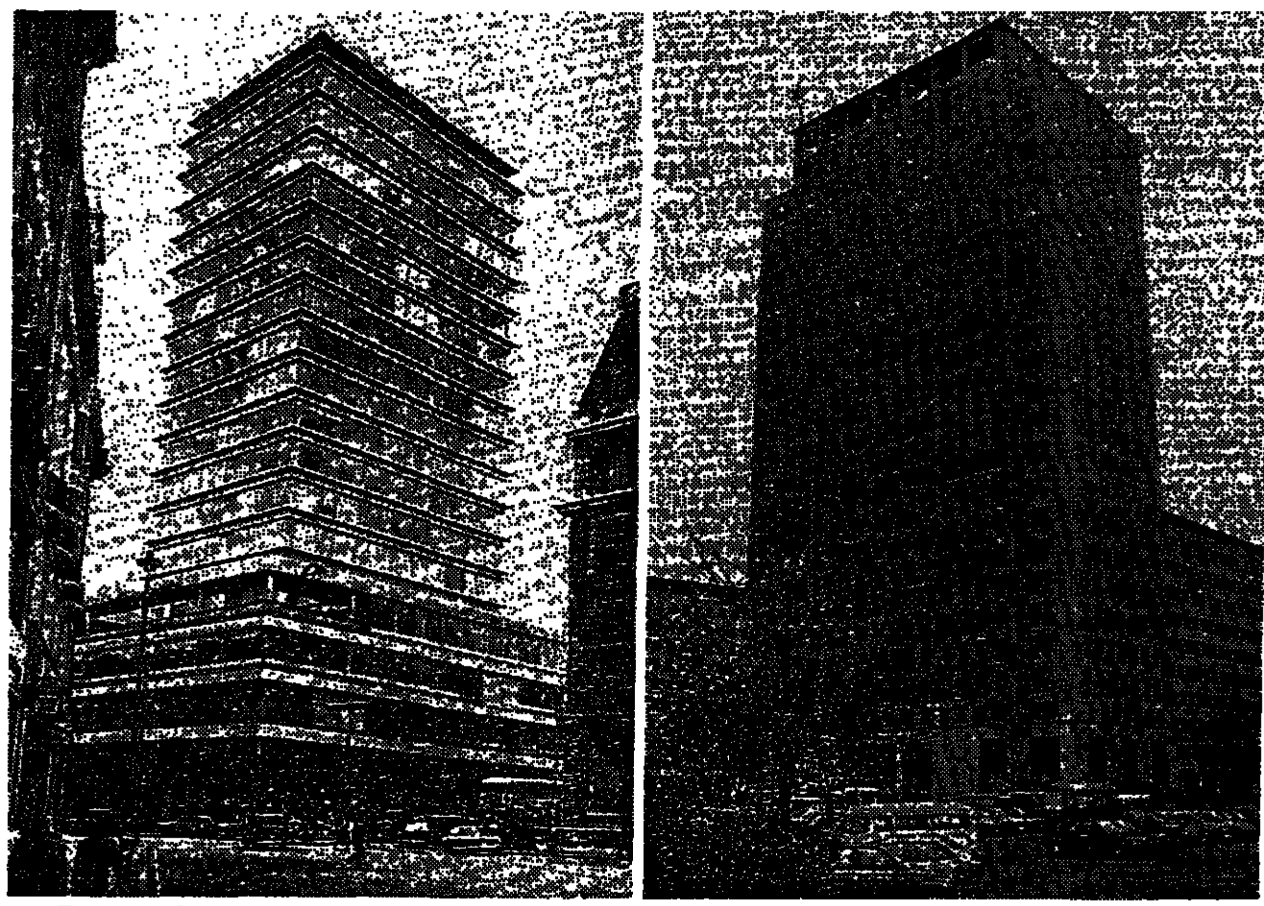
No building erected after 1939 is currently eligible for listing but Mr William Waldegrave, *Minister for the* Environment, Countryside and Planning, has decided to accept a recommendation that England should follow the Scottish example of a rolling cut-off date whereby any building more than 30 years old can be listed. The recommendation is made in a report on historic buildings and monuments by the Commons environment select committee.

His decision follows widespread criticism of the existing, rigid 1939 cut-off date by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Ancient Monuments Society, the Royal Institute of British Architects and conservation bodies.

Mr Waldegrave is expected to invite the public to suggest modern buildings which should be covered by the extended protection powers.

Post-war buildings which are favourites to become listed include the Festival Hall, Coventry Cathedral, Bracken House, home of the *Financial Times*, New Zealand House in London's Haymarket, and the Shell Centre at Waterloo, one of the first office blocks built after a 200ft skyline limit was lifted in the 1950s.

The extension of listing powers comes as the English Heritage, responsible for suggesting which buildings are protected, is about to complete a nationwide survey which will result in the number being listed doubling from 250,000 in 1982 to almost half a million.



Favourites for protection: New Zealand House (left) in Haymarket, London, and the Shell Centre at Waterloo.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Healey hides his oval office shame

Mr Healey yesterday made his first appearance in the Chamber since his Oval office experience with that amiable soul who turned out to have so slight an interest in anything foreign and complicated, such as what the defence policy of the British Labour Party actually meant. But surely, before he ever went to Washington, Mr Healey knew Mr Kinnock was like that.

Mr Kinnock has suffered much criticism for his alleged inability to grasp detail. Yet his people have consistently elected him to Parliament with huge majorities. It is arrogance on our part to question the judgement of what is after all our closest ally: Wales.

It is true that Mr Kinnock does not care for the minutiae of policy-making. He prefers to rely on his charm and old rugby stories. But the Welsh electorate does not seem to mind. His tactic has been to appeal to it above the heads of the hostile, eastern-based media. He has done so by means of long sentences, which no one can understand, thus earning him the title of the Great Obfuscator. No one believes that he will not sweep his constituency at the forthcoming general election.

With his colossal experience of foreign affairs, Mr Healey must have known all that: he tends to boast about his friendship with the leading figures in Welsh politics. He likes us to know that he is a well-known figure at the fashionable dinner tables of Cardiff, so what went wrong for him in Washington?

It is possible that, like many men before him, he underestimated the influence of Mrs Glenys Kinnock, the First Person. She is said to have taken against him. She is thought to suspect that he is not really in favour of party defence policy.

Insiders say she is fiercely concerned about her husband's place in the history books. She fears readers might have difficulty in finding it. She wants him to go down as a man of peace — preferably down to Greenham Common. A place that Mr Healey cannot stand.

The easy-going Mr Kinnock would prefer to avoid a conflict. Mr Healey would prefer to avoid Glenys. Sooner or later, a clash seems inevitable.

Yesterday Mr Kinnock had to rise in the House for the first time since the Washington visit. This was bound to be a difficult occasion for him. It was the twice-weekly 15 minutes of questions to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister was in Moscow. The questions were answered by the Leader of the House, Mr John Biffen. This gave Mr Kinnock the excuse to remain seated for about 10 minutes before getting up to put a question.

Mr Healey was not on the Opposition frontbench at all. He drifted in once questions to Mr Biffen were over, and not until a statement about the Turks and Caicos Islands was made by an under-secretary at the Foreign Office.

The Tories had come only to jeer at both of them — that is Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey, not the Turks and Caicos Islands, although some of them thought they too were hilarious.

Mr Nicholas Soames, the member for Crawley, asked: "Where *are* the Turks and Caicos Islands." Doubtless, in the Turks and Caicos Islands they ask the same question about Crawley. The under-secretary, Mr Timothy Eggar, replied that they were in the Caribbean and contained a health farm — this last, an apparent recommendation dictated by Mr Soames's considerable stature in the House.

Mr Kinnock's ordeal was made easier than expected by the low quality of the Tory backbench jokes about his Washington difficulties. The Tory heckles were better. When Mr Kinnock did eventually rise, there was an ironic Tory cheer and cries of "only 20 minutes allowed" and "have a nice day".

Mr Kinnock's question, when it eventually came, was about education. After his recent experiences, and for the time being at least, he was perhaps only too happy to leave foreign affairs to Mr Healey. Although he had nothing to ask, Mr Healey listened in on the Turks and Caicos Islands. He is an unmistakable figure there.

Lord Blake in protest at Oxford poll advice

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, and Mr John Wakeham, the party's chief whip, were both accused yesterday by Lord Blake, the Oxford historian, of "meddling" in the election for the chancellorship of the university.

Lord Blake, who is a Conservative and the provost of Queen's College, Oxford, was defeated by Mr Roy Jenkins in a contest which attracted a record of more than 8,000 graduate voters.

Lord Blake told *The Times* that he felt betrayed.

Most of his anger is directed at Mr Wakeham over a letter he wrote to the Coningsby Club, a Tory dining group with some 400 members.

Mr Stephen Massey, the club's chairman, had asked Mr Wakeham for the parliamentary party's view on Mr Edward Heath's candidature.

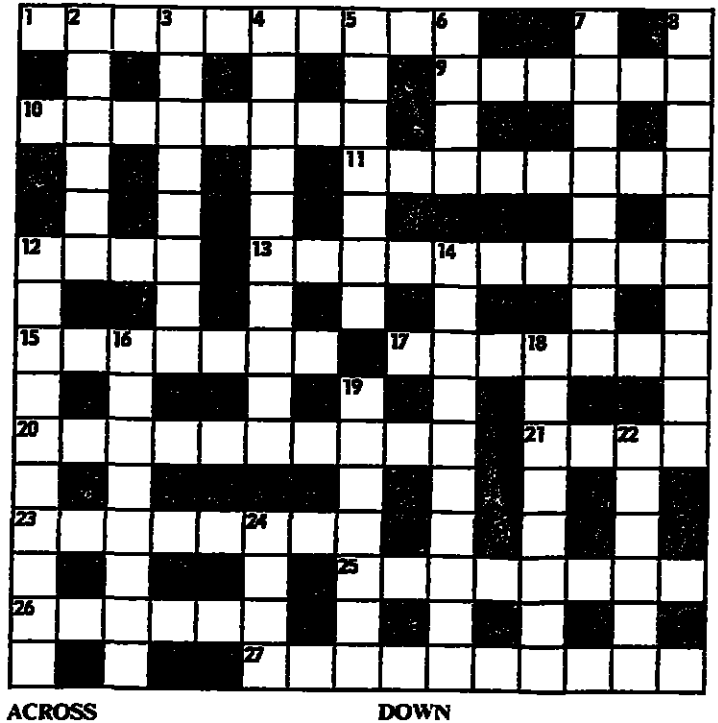
Mr Wakeham said that as Mr Heath did seem to have a better chance of defeating Mr Jenkins than Lord Blake did, a vote for Mr Heath was "in the party's interest".

Mr Tebbit, according to Lord Blake, was also quoted as saying that Mr Heath was more likely to win.

In fact, Lord Blake came second with Mr Heath pushed into third place.

Lord Blake said: "They had absolutely no right to advise people how to choose. I would certainly have had a better chance of success if they had not interfered."

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,319



ACROSS
1 Honour given to capital writer . . . (4,6).
9 . . . honour 'e's right to return (6).
10 Most dice are tossed in the home (8).
11 Allow to desert, in general (8).
12 Sad little boy (4).
13 Nails here ready (2,4,4).
15 Ray distressed poor Ted (7).
17 Hopin' for a remedy (7).
20 Where the 'Hesperus' went and broke (2,3,5).
21 When speaking he's become boring (4).
23 Increase his lead to 23-5, giving away penultimate point (8).
25 Study it outside — it has unknown individual characteristics (8).
26 On the way back, go off course to fish, and drift (6).
27 Embarrassed, grew silent and hot (10).

DOWN
2 Lacking any standards, left bouquet upside down (6).
3 Very involved in maintenance work, so to speak (4-4).
4 Unfrocked monk is not working (3,2,5).
5 No Italian coppers turned up, in a manner of speaking (7).
6 Girl enshrined by Colonel Lovelace (4).
7 Have a political bias — keep on striking (8).
8 Cold meal prison cooked (10).
12 A flower to keep one talking (10).
14 Simple way to achieve financial security (4,6).
16 Advance payment for old servant (8).
18 A swindler, I am after old gold (8).
19 Bloomer appearing in a misspelt notice (7).
22 Look bright without ultimately having to pay attention (6).
24 Plays that offer you some original characters (4).

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WEATHER

General situation: A cold front will move slowly south-east across all areas during the day. Most places apart from northern and central Scotland will begin cloudy with periods of rain. Brighter weather with showers over these northern districts will gradually spread south-east to all but the extreme south-east of England by evening. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Generally cold with rain. Some sleet or snow over high ground in the north.

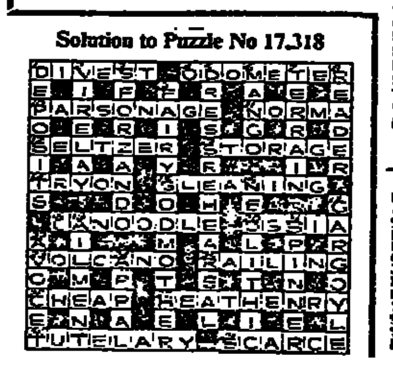
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55	Malaga	s	18	64
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Malta	c	13	55
Alex'dria	s	13	55	Melb'rne	c	17	63
Algiers	c	15	59	Mexico C*	s	23	73
Amst'dm	c	7	45	Miami*	f	28	82
Athens	r	15	59	Milan	s	11	52
Bahrain	s	21	70	Montreal*	r	13	55
Barcelna	s	14	57	Moscow	c	6	43
Belgrade	c	5	41	Munich	sn	3	37
Berlin	s	9	48	Nairobi	s	30	86
Bermuda*	s	19	66	Naples	f	13	55
Biarritz	c	11	52	N Delhi	s	30	86
Borde'x	f	11	52	N York*	c	16	61
Brussels	s	8	46	Nice	s	13	55
Budapst	r	5	41	Oslo	c	1	34
B Aires*	r	23	73	Paris	r	6	43
Cairo	s	26	79	Peking	s	11	52
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Perth	c	24	75
C'blanca	s	17	63	Prague	f	4	39
Chicago*	f	1	34	Reykjvik	sn	-4	25
Ch'church	c	24	75	Rhodes	s	19	66
Cologne	c	8	46	Rio de J	s	27	81
C'phagn	s	9	48	Riyadh	s	21	70
Corfu	f	14	57	Rome	f	14	57
Dublin	d	12	54	Salzburg	sn	3	37
Dubrovnik	r	7	45	S F'risco*	f	17	63
Faro	s	17	63	Santiago*	s	24	75
Florence	f	11	52	Seoul	s	8	46
Frankfurt	c	6	43	Sing'por	f	31	88
Funchal	s	18	64	St'kholm	s	9	48
Geneva	s	5	41	Strasb'rg	c	7	45
Gibraltar	s	17	63	Sydney	s	19	66
Helsinki	s	5	41	Tangier	s	18	64
Hong K	c	23	73	Tel aviv	s	21	70
Innsbrck	f	3	37	Tenerife	f	21	70
Istanbul	f	20	68	Tokyo	c	13	55
Jeddah	s	29	84	Toronto*	c	4	39
Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Tunis	c	13	55
Karachi	f	29	84	Valencia	f	16	61
L Palmas	c	23	73	Vanc'ver	f	11	52
Le Tquet	c	9	48	Venice	c	10	50
Lisbon	s	17	63	Vienna	r	1	34
Locarno	s	10	50	Warsaw	r	4	39
Luxembg	c	5	41	Wash'ton*	r	13	55
Madrid	c	9	48	Wel'nton	c	18	64
Majorca	f	14	57	Zurich	f	4	39

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

Solution to Puzzle No 17,318



AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Bridlington	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.3	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Southend	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Margate	-	-	11	52	bright
Folkestone	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Hastings	0.4	-	10	50	bright
Eastbourne	0.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Brighton	1.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Southsea	0.6	-	11	52	cloudy
Sandown	1.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Shanklin	1.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Poole	1.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	0.6	-	10	50	bright
Weymouth	0.4	-	11	52	bright
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	-	.02	11	52	drizzle
Penzance	0.3	.07	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	-				
Jersey	0.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Guernsey	0.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	-	.04	12	54	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.04	12	54	rain
Minehead	1.1	-	12	54	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	0.2	.06	10	50	rain
Morecambe	-	.31	10	50	rain
Douglas	-	.30	8	46	fog
B'ham Airpt	1.4	-	11	52	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.07	10	50	rain
London	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Manchester	1.1	.01	12	54	rain
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Nottingham	1.5	.02	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	-	.01	9	48	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.2	.01	11	52	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Tenby	-	.14	9	48	rain
Aberdeen	2.1	.11	13	55	rain
Edinburgh	0.4	.03	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.25	7	45	rain
Glasgow	0.2	.11	10	50	rain
Kinloss	2.2	.07	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.56	7	45	shower
Prestwick	-	.35	11	52	drizzle
Stornoway	0.5	.34	7	45	rain
Tiree	1.6	.28	9	48	rain
Wick	1.9	.04	11	52	rain
Belfast	-	.08	12	54	shower

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.27	7.3	4.52	7.2
Aberdeen	3.51	4.0	3.58	4.2
Avonmouth	9.57	13.7	10.12	13.4
Belfast	1.27	3.2	1.48	3.4
Cardiff	9.42	12.6	9.57	12.3
Devonport	8.32	5.5	8.44	5.4
Dover	1.27	6.7	1.48	6.4
Falmouth	8.02	5.3	8.14	5.2
Glasgow	3.23	4.7	3.43	5.1
Harwich	2.16	4.0	2.41	3.9
Holyhead	12.40	5.4	12.57	5.6
Hull	8.57	7.3	9.06	7.7
Ilfracombe	8.40	9.2	8.52	8.9
Leith	5.12	5.4	5.26	5.6
Liverpool	1.39	9.3	1.56	9.4
Lowestoft	—	—	12.19	2.2
Margate	2.26	4.8	2.58	4.6
Milford Haven	8.54	7.1	9.06	6.9
Newquay	7.45	7.1	7.57	6.9
Oban	8.15	4.0	8.20	3.8
Penzance	7.33	5.6	7.46	5.5
Portland	9.36	2.2	9.43	2.1
Portsmouth	1.56	4.7	2.12	4.8
Shoreham	1.36	6.3	1.52	6.2
Southampton	1.18	4.6	1.33	4.5
Swansea	9.02	9.6	9.12	9.4
Tees	6.19	5.3	6.30	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	2.07	4.3	2.34	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.25
Austria Sch	21.25	20.15
Belgium Fr	62.75	59.35
Canada $	2.175	2.075
Denmark Kr	11.39	10.79
Finland Mkk	7.54	7.04
France Fr	10.00	9.50
Germany Dm	3.02	2.86
Greece Dr	220	208
Hong Kong $	12.95	12.25
Ireland Pt	1.132	1.072
Italy Lira	2145	2035
Japan Yen	247	233
Netherlands Gld	3.40	3.22
Norway Kr	11.37	10.77
Portugal Esc	230	220
South Africa Rd	4.25	3.45
Spain Pta	209.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	10.57	10.02
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.39
USA $	1.675	1.595
Yugoslavia Dar	1120	1020

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 100.4

London: The *FT* Index closed down 5.1 at 1577.1.

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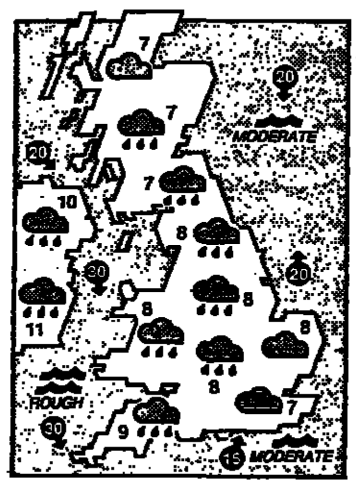

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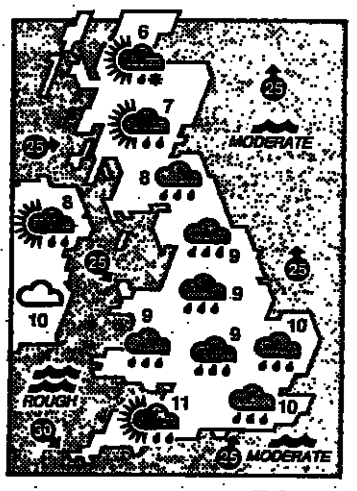

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.03 pm to 6.05 am
Bristol 8.13 pm to 6.15 am
Edinburgh 8.20 pm to 6.13 am
Manchester 8.13 pm to 6.11 am
Penzance 8.23 pm to 6.28 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.9 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'rmgham	c	11	52	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	r	10	50	Jersey	c	10	50
Bristol	c	11	52	London	r	11	52
Cardiff	c	11	52	M'chster	c	10	50
Edinburgh	c	10	50	Newcastle	f	11	52
Glasgow	d	9	48	R'nldsway	c	8	46

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm; trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.1hr.

Sun rises: 6.37 am
Sun sets: 7.33 pm
Moon rises 7.27 am
Moon sets 11.40 pm

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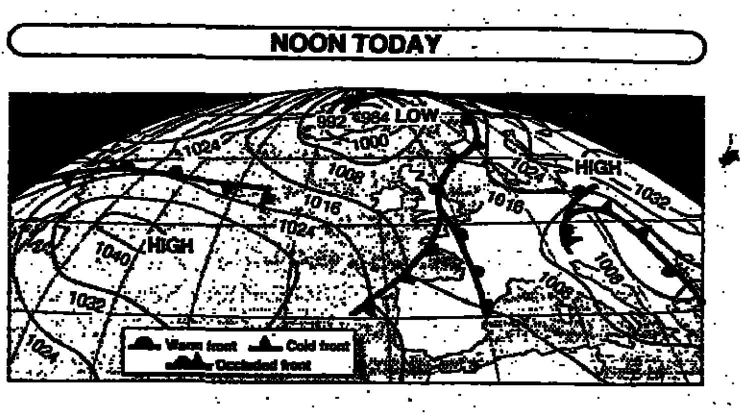
NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1 1987

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share	1577.1 (–5.1)
FT-SE 100	1997.6 (–4.9)
Bargains	56166 (54984)
USM (Datastream)	163.15 (–2.32)

THE POUND

US dollar	1.6065 (–0.0030)
W German mark	2.8989 (–0.0111)
Trade-weighted	71.4 (–0.2)

BAA sale campaign launch

The Government launches its advertising campaign for the privatization of BAA Group tomorrow. Formerly the British Airports Authority, BAA could be a £1 billion flotation. It is expected to do at least as well as the British Airways privatization, which raised more than £800 million.

The flotation is likely to be in June or July. The share price will not be decided until the time of offer, while the minimum number of shares for which people can apply will be announced nearer the time.

BAA owns and operates seven airports — Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Prestwick and Aberdeen. They handled 53.4 million passengers in the year ending March 31, 1986 — 75 per cent of all British passenger traffic.

Profits leap at LET

London & Edinburgh Trust, the property group, has reported a buoyant start to this financial year and analysts expect profits to top £20 million.

Profits rose from £9,202,000 to £15,126,000 in the year to the end of December. Net earnings per share increased from 27.2p to 49.4p, and a final dividend of 5p makes a total of 8.0p, against an equivalent 6.25p. The shares fell 2p to 718p.

US offering

CH Beazer, the Bath housebuilding, contracting and building materials group is planning to raise between £70 million and £80 million by way of an offering in the United States of new shares in ADR (Authorised Depository Receipt) form.

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Bunzl denial

Bunzl, the paper and packaging group, has denied that it intends to bid for fellow paper company DRG. It also said itsturnover exceed £1 billion in 1986 for the first time, rising 35 per cent compared with the previous year. Pretax profits rose 52 per cent to £64.8 per cent and the dividend was raised 25 per cent to 4.2p net per share.

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£15m placing

Britannia Security Group is raising £15 million via a placing of 8.9 million shares at 172p each. Proceeds will be used for acquisitions. The group has also arranged a vendor placing of 1.16 million shares, raising £2 million

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Brussels joins call for competition

EEC action on Japan planned

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The European Economic Community is poised to join the United States in taking action against Japan on a range of products, which it says are flooding Europe and threatening the European economy.

"Our patience has snapped," Mr Karl-Heinz Narjes, the Commissioner for Industry and Research, said. "The time has come for action, not words. We have had enough of appealing for self-restraint and giving the Japanese the benefit of the doubt."

The EEC must no longer be seen by Tokyo as a "soft under-belly," he declared.

Mr Narjes praised the Prime Minister's stand over the Cable and Wireless issue and her call for trade sanctions against Japan to force it to open its domestic markets to competition.

EEC foreign ministers will consider Europe's options — including British proposals being drawn up this week — when they meet in informal session in Belgium at the weekend.

Mr Narjes said the EEC had a range of options from procedures within Gatt to direct action against specific Japanese products. EEC states, such as Denmark, The Netherlands and West Germany, which had previously urged patience, were backing Britain's campaign.

Mr Narjes said the EEC was not co-ordinating its action with the United States, although Brussels and Washington were exchanging information. The EEC was determined "not to take second place to America in fighting Japanese protectionism."

EEC anger is likely to be fuelled on Friday when the latest figures for Japanese car exports to the EEC are unveiled, after an increase in sales of nearly 40 per cent in January. Similar increases are expected for February and March. Mr Narjes described this as intolerable. The EEC would seek to co-ordinate its policy on car imports by the end of this year. It was also alarmed by Japanese policies on electronic goods, Scotch whisky and textiles.

The EEC has already reacted to the dumping of Japanese photocopiers by imposing an extra 20 per cent tax on them. Many EEC companies were driven out of business by Japanese photocopiers, which had captured 75 per cent of the European market.

Japan has a current account trade surplus with the EEC of nearly £13 billion a year. The EEC complains that Japan has concentrated its export effort disproportionately in a few specific industries, such as electronics and cars, and that Japanese import procedures were so bureaucratic they discourage EEC exporters. Some officials believe the EEC may have to retaliate even though it is dedicated in principle to reducing red tape and protectionism in trade.

C&W 'no' to revised 5% offer by Japan

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

Cable and Wireless has rejected an offer of a 5 per cent stake in a merged consortium to provide an alternative international telecommunications service in Japan.

The proposals, put to the company by Mr Fumio Watanabe, the Japanese mediator, were dismissed yesterday by C&W as "unacceptable."

The revised offer, an improvement from 3 per cent, follows protests from Britain and the United States at Japan's decision to limit foreign participation in the telecommunications licence.

C&W holds a 20 per cent stake in International Digital Communications, which has been competing with International Telecommunications of Japan to provide a second telecommunications service. Japan's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has been seeking a merger between the two groups with only a minimal role for foreign companies.

While IDC plans to invest in a new trans-Pacific fibre optic link, ITJ and the proposed merged consortium would merely lease capacity from Kokusai Denshin Denwa, the existing monopoly carrier.

"That is not real competition. You must have independent facilities," a C&W spokesman said.

"We want the Ministry to open its doors and let both consortia submit their licence applications. Maybe then there is a chance to talk about a merger."

Under the latest proposals, C&W would have a stake equal to the leading Japanese consortium members' and larger than any other foreign company. The other leading IDC members, C Itoh and Toyota, would also have 5 per cent.

Talks are due to be held tomorrow between consortium members and Mr Watanabe in a further effort to seek a compromise solution.

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Markets calmer as trade fears fade

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Financial markets were calmer but still nervous yesterday, amid clear attempts in both Britain and the United States to play down prospects of a trade war with Japan.

This helped the dollar, as did indications from Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, that Washington remained committed to last month's Paris currency agreement.

Mr Baker said the agreement had demonstrated that the process of international economic policy co-operation agreed at last year's Tokyo economic summit was working.

"We must continue to oppose protectionist pressures," he added.

After dropping to Y145.10 in Tokyo overnight, the dollar steadied to close at Y145.90 in London. It also held steady at the lower level of DM1.8045.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said Britain had no wish to become involved in a damaging trade war with Japan.

"We have no interest in a trade war whatever," he said, "And there are no signs of a desire for protectionism in the United Kingdom. There never have been."

Although anxious to keep up the pressure on Japan over Cable and Wireless's involvement in Japanese telecommunications, the Treasury is well aware of the potential damage to the City that could result from action against Japan in the financial services area.

Mr Lawson also spoke of the "heavy responsibility" that lay with the United States and Japan to avoid a trade war.

Yesterday, Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, said financial markets had over-reacted to the decision to impose protective tariffs on certain Japanese computer products.

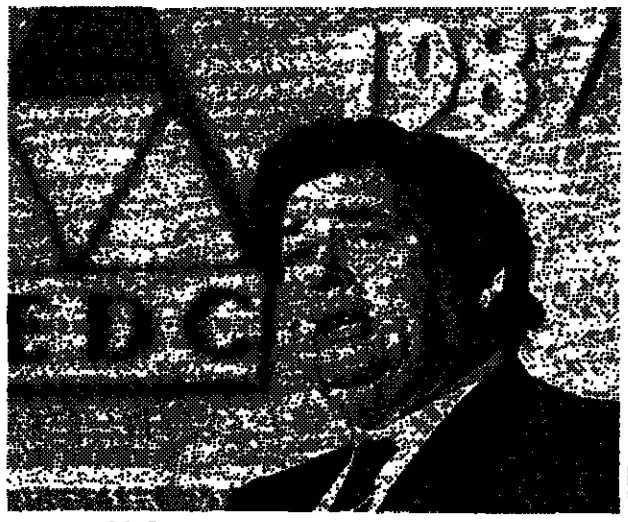
In a reference to Monday's sharp fall on Wall Street, Mr Yeutter said: "I have a hunch a lot of other things were involved in that, including simple profit-taking."

At midday yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 5 points at 1,283.66, after a fall of more than 50 points on Monday.

In London, the FT-30 share index closed 5.1 points down at 1,577.1. The FTSE 100 index finished 4.9 points down at 1,997.6.

But the gilts market was noticeably stronger, on hopes of an early accommodation of the C&W problem, and a steadier performance from sterling.

The pound fell by 30 points to $1.6065, while the sterling index slipped 0.2 points to 71.4, with most of the drop coming at the opening.



No wish for protectionism: Nigel Lawson yesterday

Kleinwort profits disappoint

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Merchant bank shares slumped yesterday after worse than expected year end profits from Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, the City's largest merchant banking and securities group.

KBL disclosed pretax profits for 1986 of £78.8 million, more than £30 million less than some analysts had predicted, after a slump in profits growth during the second half of the year. Profits for the year rose 31 per cent from £60.3 million.

The group's shares plunged 60p to 520p and disillusion spread rapidly to similar stocks because KBL is regarded as one of the safest investments in an increasingly risky sector.

The City had been hoping for a big increase in full year profits after a sparkling £57 million performance in the first half. But Mr Michael Hawkes, merchant bank chairman, said that the first half had benefited from large capital gains on the sale of gilt-edged stock and US Treasury bonds which could not be repeated in the second half.

He said that heavy provisions against bad debts which had unexpectedly appeared in the second half of the year had been necessary. These included potential losses from KBL's involvement in the tin market, loans to developing countries and the group's investments in Dome Petroleum, the stricken Canadian oil company. Shipbroking operations had produced losses of £3 million.

Costs involved in setting up Kleinwort Grievson, the securities arm, had been heavy but KBL said that its securities operation had so far broken even. It had, however, sustained losses of about £10 million in gilt-edged trading before and after Big Bang.

Disclosed merchant and investment banking profits rose from £63.2 million to £81.4 million. Mr Hawkes described coporate finance profits as "sparkling" but said that Treasury operations had been the best performer.

The market was disappointed that KBL had chosen not to disclose its results more fully than other merchant banks. Mr Hawkes said that the business was becoming increasingly volatile and that the profits "smoothing" allowed by partial disclosure was in sharholders' interests.

The group is paying a full year dividend of 14p, compared with 12p, with earnings per share up from 45.8p to 53p.

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Eurotunnel share sale deadline

Eurotunnel, the channel tunnel consortium, needs to launch its planned £750 million international share sale by the end of July to cover the continuing project costs, M Andre Benard, the French co-chairman, said in Paris yesterday.

If the proposed offering was delayed, for instance by an election in Britain, the Anglo-French group would have to find bridging finance.

M Benard said the consortium had decided to issue an identical mix of securities in the London and Paris markets. The offering would be split about 40 per cent each for France and Britain and 20 per cent between the United States, Japan and other European markets.

Eurotunnel officials expect work on the sites to start in December or January.

Meanwhile, Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman, visited the Folkestone site of the proposed tunnel yesterday. With him were Mr Tony Gueterbock, manager of corporate relations, and Mr Martin Hall, the director of corporate affairs.

Cliffhanger: Alastair Morton, British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, on the cliffs at Folkestone yesterday

Terrorism contributes to £25m BCal loss

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

British Caledonian's "year of trial" in which the threat of terrorism and long-running problems with Nigeria cost £70 million, ended with the airline returning a pretax loss of £25.5 million.

It was the year in which the group should have been floated on the Stock Exchange. But instead plans to come to the market had to be shelved and the company suffered its worst ever financial results with the group as a whole showing an overall loss of £14.4 million.

The results are a clear indication of the fragility and volatility of the airline business and the slump was blamed by Sir Adam Thomson, the chairman, on "exceptional circumstances outside the group's control."

These included:

- A decline in tourism from America because of fears of terrorism in Europe — cost to BCal £35 5 million.
- The depressed economy in Nigeria with delays in getting revenues out of the country and a massive depreciation — cost £34.5 million.
- The discontinuation of the Gatwick/Heathrow helicopter link — cost £4 million.
- Severence payments to redundant BCal employees — £10.06 million.
- Added American fears caused by Chernobyl.
- The loss of services to Tripoli in the wake of the Libyan bombing.

Not even a £25 million saving on fuel and comparatively good results from the hotel and engineering subsidiaries could save the group.

The airline believes it has trimmed its costs sufficiently to become competitive again and is aiming at a profit of up to £30 million in the current financial year.

CES profit rises 75% to £21.8m

By Colin Campbell

Combined English Stores Group, the multiple specialist retailer which last year acquired four more retailing groups in a £52 million spending spree, yesterday unveiled a 75.8 per cent pretax profit advance to £21.8 million for the year ended January, on a turnover up from £142.8 million to £188.9 million.

Without the benefit of acquisitions during the year, pretax profits rose from £12.4 million to £17.1 million.

The dividend is raised from 6.71p to 9p a share.

In a board reshuffle, Mr Murray Gordon is giving up two of his three roles — he has been chairman, chief executive and joint managing director — and will act as executive chairman with Mr David Roxbrugh responsible for day-to-day affairs.

Mr Gordon said: "It will allow me more time to look for strategic acquisitions." He added that deals of up to £75 million were well within the group's capabilities.

Combined English Stores, whose specialized shops include Salisburys Handbags, Collingwood jewellers and Zales, operates through a network of 877 outlets, including 56 in Germany. The number is expected to rise to 1,000

The group confirmed yesterday that the US-based Quantum Fund had this week increased its stake

The shares rose by 6p to 279p, capitalizing the group at £219 million.

Treasury push for profit-related pay

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Treasury yesterday gave a further push to the profit-related pay (PRP) and payroll giving schemes, designed to give tax relief on profit sharing and charitable donations.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, used the occasion of yesterday's 25th anniversary National Economic Development Council conference to press home PRP's advantages.

It avoided the "fundamental flaw" of incomes policies, by relating pay to performance, not to pre-set limits, Mr Lawson said. His comments can be interpreted as an attempt to drive a wedge between the Government's version of profit sharing, without any form of incomes policy, and the Alliance economic policy programme.

Mr Ian Stewart, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told a conference of charity treasurers in London that several large employers had already set up payroll giving schemes covering more than 100,000 employees.

Tax relief on payroll donations of up to £120 a year per employee will be available from next Monday, April 6.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2286.36 (+7.95)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	21586.66 (–60.91)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2713.81 (–61.07)
Amsterdam: Gen	277.5 (–2.8)
Sydney: AO	1689.6 (–21.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1780.5 (–12.3)
Brussels:	
General	4423.17 (+12.53)
Paris: CAC	448.7 (–6.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	537.80 (same)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	90.28 (+0.31)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank $9^{15}/_{16}$-$9^{13}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $9^{19}/_{32}$-$^{17}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.65.5.64%*
30-year bonds $95^{11}/_{16}$-95¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.6065	£: $1.6055*
£: DM2.8989	$: DM1.8065*
£: SwFr2.4226	$: SwFr1.5095*
£: FFr9.6470	$: FFr6.0120*
£: Yen234.39	$: Yen146.00*
£: Index:71.4	$: Index:101.4
ECU £0.715957	SDR £0.798051

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Superdrug	665p (+12p)
Blockleys	1675p (+125p)
Markheath	100p (+34p)
Cable & Wireless	375p (+11p)
Newage Trans.	93p (+12p)
Grampian Holdings	245p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Cookson Group	580p (–18p)
Glaxo	1450p (–18p)
Baldwin	120p (–13p)
CH Beazer	239p (–17p)
TI Group	653p (–16p)
H & J Quick Group	210p (–20p)
Capital Radio	154p (–30p)
Reckitt & Colman	969p (–11p)
Kleinwort	529p (–51p)
Dewey Warren	178p (–22p)
NMW Computers	320p (–18p)
Gaskell	158p (–13p)
DRG	417p (–11p)
Blue Arrow	684p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $419.00 pm-$421.00
close $419.25-419.75 (£261.25-261.75)
New York:
Comex $420.50-421.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $18.05 bbl($17.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

Foreign stocks lead funds' investment

Pensions' boom decade

By Cliff Feltham

The boom on the world's stock markets enabled pension fund managers to chalk up another bumper year in 1986, a survey yesterday showed.

The average British fund earned a return of 22.5 per cent, continuing a trend which has now been established for 10 years.

The survey, compiled by the WM Company — formerly part of the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie — analysed the performance of 1,084 funds worth £120 billion.

The managing director, Mr Dugald Eadie, commented:

"These are phenomenal rates of return which mean that plenty of people in the City have never known any other conditions than 20 per cent a year returns. Recent years have been a golden period for pension funds — both for members of funds and the sponsoring companies."

Overseas equities were the best performers, showing returns of 37.2 per cent, with Japan the star market (82.8 per cent) followed by European stock markets (44.9 per cent) and the US (12.2 per cent).

The survey highlights the major switch of funds over the last 10 years. At the end of 1977 the average fund had 54 per cent invested in overseas equities. This has now risen to 71 per cent — with many smaller funds having almost 80 per cent of their investments in overseas shares.

On the British market, 90 per cent of fund managers saw average returns of 25.9 per cent although some high flyers did even better with 62 per cent. The lowest reported return was 3.7 per cent.

However, the average performance was slightly below the All-Share Index, up 27.4 per cent, explained by the shortage of British Gas and TSB shares in the portfolios.

The survey points out that there has been no sign yet of any increase in levels of pension fund activity in British equities since Big Bang despite cuts in dealing costs, stamp duty, and the narrowing of spreads and supposed greater liquidity.

Mr Eadie says pension fund trustees are now taking a much closer interest in the way their managers are performing. "We see very little evidence of external managers being fired after one quarter's poor performance. However, managers are often monitored more closely after a number of years of underperformance."

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Lasmo surprises with dividend of 7p

Lasmo, the independent oil company many City analysts predicted would pay no final dividend this year, yesterday revealed post-tax profits of £17.6 million and a dividend of 7p. The profits, although well below last year's £38 million after tax, were considerably higher than the most optimistic City forecasts. They were partly due to the company releasing £13.2 million worth of tax provisions, made when the oil price was higher, which are no longer necessary.

The pretax profit was £4.4 million compared with £118 million the previous year. Mr Chris Greentree, the chief executive, said the results had been achieved by cutting budgeted capital spending by £99 million to £51 million, staff cuts of about 10 per cent and management efforts to reduce operating costs. Despite these moves, exploration had added to the company's reserves of oil and gas for the third consecutive year.

UK share of haulage cut

British road hauliers' share of freight between the United Kingdom and the Continent slumped from 58 per cent in 1980 to 40 per cent in 1985, says a report by the Chartered Institute of Transport and the Department of Transport. The main factors were the strengthening of sterling and that import tonnages outstripped export tonnages.

● ***Freight Transport in the European Community, £25.***

Australian deficit 'to fall'

Australia's current account deficit is projected to fall to 4.5 per cent of gross domestic product (Aus$12.25 billion or £5.2 billion) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 from 5.75 per cent (Aus$14.5 billion) this fiscal year, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. The OECD also forecast Australian inflation would fall to 6 per cent next fiscal year from 8.75 per cent.

Blockleys at £2.25m

Blockleys, the brickmaker and building products company, based at Telford, Shropshire, enjoyed a sharp boost in profits last year despite the added financial burden of working the company's new brick plant up to full production. The shares jumped £1 to £16.50 after news yesterday that pretax profits for the year ended December 31 strengthened to £2.25 million from £1.92 million in 1985. Turnover was up 14 per cent to £9.1 million.

The company at the same time proposed a six-for-one bonus issue to bring the heavily-priced shares down to a more manageable level. Earnings per share rose to 83.58p from 75.11p and the company is paying an increased final dividend of 19p, making 30p for the year. The chairman, Mr T Wright, said the higher costs associated with Blockley's new £6 million factory at Telford, which makes simulated hand-made bricks, were offset by the better margins all round.

Geest's £9m tops forecast

Geest, the banana, exotic fruit and vegetable supplier, which went public last November, has beaten its £8.8 million prospectus forecast and reported pretax profits of £9.1 million for the 53 weeks ended January 3. Mr Leonard van Geest, the chief executive (right) said the group's turnover was 14 per cent higher at £418.8 million. A final dividend of 1p has been declared.

Grampian ahead

The shortage of American tourists last summer severely affected Grampian Holdings' retail sales. Around a third of its jumpers and scarves sold through Moffats and Gleneagles of Scotland, go to American tourists, and consequently retail profits slumped from £1,557,000 to £453,000. But Grampian's other interests, which range from World Cup footballs to veterinary drugs, more than compensated, and helped hoist group profits from £3.42 million to £4.1 million. The chairman, Mr Bill Hughes, is lifting the final dividend to 3p a share, making 4.5p for the year against 4p last time.

It is accompanied by a one-for-two scrip issue, which should help satisfy growing institutional demand for the shares, particularly from Scotland.

STOCK MARKET

Shares steady at close as trade fears subside

By Michael Clark

The possibility of a trade war with Japan was still the main topic of conversation in the City yesterday, but this time the spotlight switched to the foreign exchange market with the stock market looking a little more composed.

After an anxious wait for Wall Street, which opened with small gains, share prices were rallying strongly at the close. By 4pm the FT 30 share index had reduced an earlier fall of 16.5 to just 3.3 at 1,578.9, while the FT-SE 100 closed only 4.9 down at 1,997.6 having been 20.3 lower at lunchtime.

The dealers who had survived Monday's record-breaking fall were left mopping their brows, hoping that the worst of the "correction" was over. Some optimists are even looking for a few cheap buyers to appear on the scene when trading resumes today, although problems with Japan are far from over.

Cable and Wireless, whose attempt at bidding for a Japanese telecommunication contract had started the talk of trade sanctions, rose 10p to 274p. There was talk that the Japanese government may relent and let C&W participate.

But with all eyes focused on the dollar/yen rate, the big international stocks again took a beating. **ICI** fell 8p to £13.15, **Glaxo** 30p to £14.38, **BP** 6p to 915p, **Unilever** 13p to £25.62 and **BOC Group** 11p to 429p.

Government securities were able to shrug off worries about the Bank of England's apparent reluctance to allow interest rates to continue falling. Prices improved throughout the day and closed with gains at the longer end of the market of more than £1.

One positive piece of trading news to emerge from the Prime Minister's trip to Russia was that two British companies have been asked to build and develop a £300 million industrial complex in the USSR.

Simon Engineering advanced 5p to 372p after announcing it had won the lion's share of the contract to build the complex. The factory will produce 25,000 programmable logic controllers (PLC). This will also be good news for GEC which helped developed the PLC. Total output amounts to 10 times GEC's own annual domestic output.

GEC rallied 2p to 208p after fears about its Foxhunter radar contract with the Ministry of Defence.

Strange goings-on were reported in **Bernard Matthews**, the Norfolk poultry producer, which saw its share price race up to 310p, at one stage, before closing only a net 10p higher at 293p. The market was buzzing with rumours that the group could soon be on the receiving end of a bid from Heinz, the giant US tinned food group.

The speculation heightened after full figures from Matthews last week which showed pretax profits up from £12.9 million to £15.07 million and contained a warning to investors that the recent arctic conditions could hit profits during the first half of the current year.

This latest flurry of activity caught the market on the hop and presented some big investors with the opportunity to bail out, but in the thin conditions market-makers were able to quickly mark the price lower again at the first sign of selling.

Bernard Matthews has already established trading links with Heinz, which distributes its turkey products in Canada. Dealers had been hoping to hear that the deal had been extended to cover the US, but have, so far, been disappointed.

But most marketmen scorned the idea yesterday, pointing out that Heinz had never made a bid in Britain.

Any bid would have to be agreed. Mr Bernard Matthews, the chairman, founder and television personality, can still count on around 50 per cent of the shares. At these levels, the group is still only capitalized at around £200 million.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, which is bidding around £230 million for rival Avana, has been pounding the pavements this week meeting most of Avana's major shareholders in the hope of winning their support. But it now looks as though RHM will have to increase its offer if it is to win the day. It has until Friday to make up its mind.

Mr Robert Brand, food expert with Wood Mackenzie, the broker, maintains the battle for control is still "finely poised". RHM already has a 20 per cent stake in Avana which it bought from Northern Foods at the start of the bid. Hopes that RHM would increase its offer enabled **Avana** to recoup an early 5p fall to finish 3p dearer at 763p. **RHM** was 1p lighter at 321p.

Despite the persistent nervous conditions in the rest of the market, newcomer **Airtours**, the north of England tour operator, managed to establish a healthy premium in first-time dealings. Placed at 180p, the shares opened at 190p and after touching 201p, eventually closed at 199p — a premium of 19p.

Combined English Stores rose 6p to 279p after announcing figures way above market expectations. Pretax profits soared from £12.3 million to £21.8 million. Most analysts had been forecasting a final figure of between £17 million and £18 million.

Baldwin, the building materials group, has been a firm market of late and it looks as though a large stake in the company is about to change hands.

The group says that Hartley Baird, which owns 56.6 per cent of the shares, is in talks with a mystery buyer about unloading part of its holding. The announcement took some of the steam out of the share price, which closed 13p lower at 120p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices closed mixed in generally quiet dealings as investors shrugged off Monday's Wall Street drop and foreign buyers went on a late buying spree.

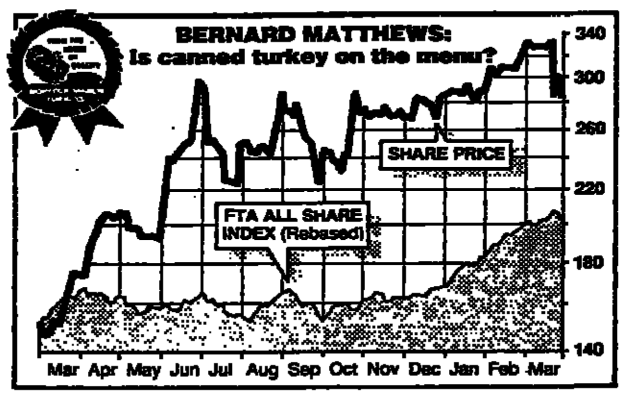
Commerzbank index: 1,780.5 (down 12.3).

● **TOKYO:** Share prices edged down on heavy volume after an erratic session with trading influenced by Monday's Wall Street plunge and the dollar's weakness.

Nikkei index: 21,566.66 (21,627.57).

● **HONG KONG:** Late profit-taking undercut the market's recent resilience, and most share prices tumbled in moderate trade.

Hang Seng index: 2,713.81 (2,774.88).



● **Atlantic Computers, Britain's biggest IBM distributor, rose 7p to 547p against the trend after naming James Capel as its new lead broker. Atlantic came to market in 1983 with rival Sheppards which has been retained. Full year figures next month should see pretax profits rise from £17 million to £22 million.**

● **USM-quoted Aberdeen Steak Houses fell 5p to 58p after the resignation of two non-executive directors. Figures next week are likely to be sharply down on last year's £800,000. The restaurant chain presents a tasty morsel for predators if Mr Ali Salih, chairman, decides to part with his 75 per cent holding.**

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,500	Gen Accident	238	Redland	1,900
Amstrad	5,400	GEC	5,200	Reckitt Colman	81
ASDA-MFI	3,400	Glaxo	2,700	Reed Int	734
Ass Br Foods	907	Globe IT	1,300	Reuters	595
BET	343	Granada	414	RMC Group	253
BTR	1,700	Grand Met	3,400	RTZ	1,700
BAT	5,200	GUS 'A'	531	Rowntree	729
Barclays	1,400	GRE	412	Royal B of Scot	973
Bass	854	GKN	1,100	Royal Ins	965
Beecham	2,600	Guinness	2,700	Saatchi	1,100
Blue Circle	874	Hammerson Pry 'A'	127	Sainsbury (J)	757
BOC	939	Hanson	8,100	Scot Newell	2,700
Boots	5,000	Hawker Siddeley	568	Sears	5,500
BPB Ind	387	Hillsdown	1,700	Sedgwick Gp	876
BPCC	532	Imp Chem Ind	4,900	Shell	7,400
Br Aerospace	635	Imp Cont Gas	1,700	Smith & Nephew	3,700
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	1,400	STC	4,300
Br Gas	19,000	Ladbroke	1,700	Stan Chart	167
Br Petroleum	12,000	Land Securities	1,200	Storehouse	1,200
Br Telecom	7,100	Legal & Gen	1,800	Sun Alliance	836
Britoil	5,600	Lloyds	1,400	Tarmac	1,700
Bunzl	1,000	Lonrho	673	TSB P/P	10,000
Burton	1,700	Marks & Spencer	5,800	Tesco	573
Cable & Wireless	7,800	MEPC	719	Thorn EMI	2,300
Cadbury Schwep	2,300	Midland	642	Trafalgar House	1,100
Coats Viyella	722	Nat West	1,100	Trusthouse Forte	2,700
Com Union	2,500	P & O Dfrd	490	Unigate	1,800
Cons Goldfields	787	Pearson	451	Unilever	130
Cookson Gp	384	Pilkington Bros	1,000	Utd Biscuits	2,300
Courtaulds	1,400	Plessey	4,100	Wellcome	2,000
Dee Corp	5,400	Prudential	586	Willis Faber	440
Dixons Gp	2,100	Racal Elect	2,100	Whitbread 'A'	5,000
English China	808	Rank Org	686	Woolworth	1,500
Fisons	655	Rank Hovis	789	Stock prices on page 23	

WALL STREET

Dow propped up by bargain hunters

New York (Reuter) — Bargain hunters propped up Wall Street in early trading yesterday helping the market that on Monday was gasping for air when it tumbled in a frenzied selloff induced by nervousness about the dollar.

The opportunity to pick up a wide range of quality stocks at a relatively bargain price after the market's two session, 94 point decline, was the temptation that was keeping the market buoyant, traders said.

Wall Street shares remained aloft, but slipped from their opening highs in early trading.

Much of early buying yesterday was focused on high quality blue chip stocks that had fallen sharply in the past two sessions.

The Dow Jones industrial average which closed 57.39 points lower at 2,278.41 on Monday, recovered 19.32 points to 2,297.73 in early trading but fell back to 2,287.36.

American Express rose 1% to 74% and IBM ½ to 152%. Advances led declines by a three-two margin on a volume of 48 million shares.

JC Penney gained 2¼ to 99%. The retailer declared a stock split and dividend rise.

● **Exxon Corporation said that the 1986 15 per cent increase in itsearnings per share to $7.42 were partially based on its streamlined operations which compensated for the weakness in its exploration earnings and the lowest crude oil prices in a decade.**

Exxon said economies introduced in its operations from reductions in personnel and other savings, such as reductions in exploration expenses, were reflected in an $880 million (£546.58 million) reduction in consolidated operating costs from 1985.

In a breakdown of costs, Exxon said that operating expenses slipped to $9.2 billion in 1986 from $9.7 billion the previous year and exploration expenses, including dry holes, slipped back to $1.2 billion from $1.5 billion in the same period as the number of wells drilled was lower.

	Mar 30	Mar 27		Mar 30	Mar 27		Mar 30	Mar 27
AMR Cp	52%	53%	Firestone	34%	36%	Pepsico	32%	33¼
ASA	62%	61%	Fst Chicago	29%	29%	Pfizer	71½	73
Aetna Life	61%	64%	Fst Int Bncp	58%	59%	Phelps Dod	31%	31%
Allied Signal	44%	45%	Fst Penn C	10%	11	Philip Mor	84	87%
Allis Chalm	2%	2%	FT Wachva	44	44	Philip Ptrl	15%	16
Alcoa	43%	44¼	Ford Motor	82	83%	Polaroid	70%	71%
Amax Inc	19%	20%	GAF Cp	47	44%	Proct Gble	91½	94
AMR Hess	31¼	33%	GTE Cp	39%	40%	Pub Svc Eg	39½	41
Am Brands	47	49%	Gen Cp	114%	112%	Raytheon	76%	78%
Am Can	48%	49%	Gn Dynam	70%	72%	Rynlds Met	63%	64%
Am Cynmd	91½	94%	Gen Elect	105%	108	Rockwell Int	56%	58
Am Ele Pwr	27%	28%	Gen Inst	27%	28%	Royal Dutch	116%	119%
Amex	73	76%	Gen Mills	51	52%	SFE Sopac	37%	36%
Am Home	86¼	88¼	Gen Motors	76%	77%	Sara Lee	46%	48%
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	24%	25%	Schlumb	39%	40%
Am Stand	48%	49%	Genesco	5	5%	Scott Pap	76%	78%
Am Telph	23%	24¼	Georgia Pac	46%	50%	Seagram	73%	76%
Amoco Cp	79%	82%	Gillette	57%	58%	Sears Roeb	50	52
Armco Steel	9%	8%	Goodrich	54	56%	Shell Trans	80%	81%
Asarco Inc	24%	24%	Goodyear	53½	55%	Singer	46	47½
Ashland Oil	59%	61%	Gould Inc	17%	18	Smthkln Bk	105%	107%
Atl Richfld	79	80%	Grace Co	62%	64%	Sony Cp	19%	20%
Avon Prod	31	31%	Grt Atl Pac	32%	33%	Sth Cal Edi	32	34%
Bk Boston	32%	33%	Greyhnd	36%	37¼	SW Bell	116%	117%
Bank NY	42%	43	Gruman	27	27%	Std Oil	70%	70%
Bankamer	12%	12%	Gulf & West	75	77	Sterl Drug	54%	54%
Bkrs Tst NY	46	46%	Heinz	46%	48¼	Stevens JP	42%	42%
Beth Steel	8%	7%	Hercules	56%	57%	Sun Comp	68¼	68%
Boeing	51%	52%	Hewlett Pk	56%	57%	TRW Inc	96	102
Boise Casc	79%	81¼	Honeywell	70%	72%	Teledyne	323%	329
Borden	56%	58%	IC Ind	30%	31%	Tenneco	46%	47
Borg Warnr	47	44	ITT Cp	60%	62%	Texaco	36¼	36%
Brist Myer	100%	102%	INCO	16	16	Tex Eastn	34%	35%
BP	59%	59%	Ingersoll	78%	81	Tex Inst	189%	182
Brunswick	45%	46%	Inland Steel	23%	23%	Tex Util	33%	33%
Burl Ind	46%	46¼	IBM	152%	150½	Textron	68	69%
Burl Nth	67	68%	Int Paper	105%	107%	Travelers	48%	49%
CBS	152	155%	Irving Bk	48%	46%	UAL Inc	58%	59
CPC Int	49	50	Jhsn & Jhsn	87%	89%	USG	40%	40¼
CSX Cp	31¼	32%	K Mart Cp	61%	65%	USX Cp	27%	27%
Cmpbell Sp	68%	69%	Kaiser Alum	17½	17%	Unilever NV	281½	281%
Can Pacific	18%	19%	Kerr McGee	35	35%	Un Carbide	28%	29%
Caterpillar	47%	47%	Kimbl Clark	114¼	117%	Un Pac Cp	75%	77%
Centrl SW	33%	34%	Kraft	60	62	Unisys Cp	96%	99%
Champion	40%	41%	Kroger	34	34¼	Utd Brands	46%	46%
Chase Man	39%	39%	LTV Cp	3¼	3	Utd Tech	48%	49%
Chem NY	43%	45	Litton	82%	84	Unocal	36¼	37%
Chevron	55%	56%	Lockheed	52%	51%	Walter Jim	57	59%
Chrysler	54½	55%	Lucky Str	30%	31¼	Warn Lamb	73	75%
Citicorp	50%	51%	Man H'nver	42	42¼	Wells Far	48%	49%
Clark Eq	23%	24%	Manville	2%	2%	Westg El	63%	64%
Coca Cola	44%	45%	Mapco	64%	65¼	Weyerhsr	56%	57%
Colgate	46%	48	Marine Mid	47	47%	Whirlpool	37%	38%
Columb Gas	48¼	49%	Mt Marrieta	49%	50%	Woolworth	49	50
Cmb'tn Eng	35%	36%	Masco	38%	40%	Xerox Cp	74½	76%
Cmwlth Ed	36	36%	Mcdonalds	79	81%	Zenith	26%	25%
Cons Edis	43%	43%	McDonnell	78%	79%			
Cn Nat Gas	39%	40%	Mead Cp	68%	69¼			
Cons Pwr	18%	19¼	Merck	153	158%			
Cont Data	29%	30%	Minsta Mng	128%	132%	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	60	61½	Mobil	47%	49			
Crane	40%	42	Monsanto	77%	79%	Agnco Eag	32%	32%
Curtiss Wrt	60%	62¼	Morgan Jp	43%	43%	Alcan Alum	49%	51
Data Genl	31%	32	Motorola	53%	55	Algoma Stl	16	14
Deere Co	27	27%	NCR	65	68%	Can Pacific	24%	25%
Delta Airl	54%	55%	NL Indstrs	6¼	6%	Cominco	16%	17%
Detroit Ed	17%	17%	Nat Distill	63	65¼	Con Bathrst	18%	19%
Digital Eq	157%	161%	Nat Med Ent	28%	29%	Hawk S Can	26%	26%
Disney	62¼	64	Nat Semi	14%	14%	Hud Bay M	28	28%
Dow Chem	78%	80%	Norfolk Sth	93%	94	Imasco	37%	38%
Dressr Ind	25%	26%	NW Bancrp	38%	39%	Imperial Oil	66¼	65%
Dupont	111%	115%	Occid Petl	32%	33%	Int Pipe	48	48%
Duke Pwr	46%	47¼	Ogden Cp	64%	64¼	Royl Trstco	34	34%
East Kodak	76%	79%	Olin Cp	48%	50%	Seagram	97	100%
Eaton Cp	79	80%	PPG Ind	44%	46%	Shelco 'A'	23%	24%
Emerson El	104%	106%	Pac Gas El	24%	24%	Thmsn N 'A'	31¼	31%
Emery Air	12%	12%	Pan Am	4%	4¼	Varity Cp	2.85	2.95
Exxon	84½	86%	Penney JC	97%	99%	WCT	16%	16%
Fed Dpt Sts	97%	100%	Pennzoil	80%	81½	Weston	37%	37%

COMPANY NEWS

● **EALING ELECTRO-OPTICS:** Total dividend for 1986 2.2p (1.5p). With figures in £000: Turnover 7,425 (7,471). Pretax profit 1,267 (1,271). Earnings per share 7.9p (9.8p).

● **TEMPLE BAR INVESTMENT TRUST:** The trust has bought the portfolio of the Pension and Charities Property Fund for £11.5 million cash. The portfolio produces an estimated annual income of about £900,000.

● **SILKOLENE LUBRICANTS:** Total dividend for 1986 unchanged at 6p. With figures in £000: turnover 23,136 (26,911). Pretax profit 789 (425). Earnings per share 10.6p (6p).

● **JOHN I JACOBS:** Total dividend for 1986 3.9p (3.6p). With figures in £000: Turnover 2,023 (1,747). Pretax profit 894 (1,311). Earnings per share 3.35p (4.25p).

● **SANDERSON MURRAY & ELDER:** Half-year to December 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 2,620 (3,177). Pretax profit 44 (66). Earnings per share 1.8p (2.8p).

● **FW THORPE:** Half-year to December 31. Interim dividend 2p (1.8p). With figures in £000: Turnover 3,788 (3,617). Pretax profit 674 (582). Earnings per share 14.26p (11.38p).

● **FREDERICK COOPER:** Half-year to January 31. Interim dividend 0.85p (nil), payable on July 1. With figures in £000: Turnover 12,153 (13,694). Pretax profit 861 (112). Extraordinary charges, nil (930). Earnings per share 3.61p (0.13p).

● **COMCAP:** Total dividend for 1986 2p (1.5p). With figures in £000: Turnover 82,474 (53,743). Pretax profit 7,626 (5,188). Earnings per share 30.33p (20.32p).

● **ASSET TRUST:** Total dividend 3p for 1986 (0.75p for the nine months to December 31, 1985). With figures in £000: (comparisons restated): Turnover 1,423 (573). Pretax profit 1,045 (309). Earnings per share, basic 4.88p (1.41p) and fully diluted 4.07p (1.19p).

● **W CANNING:** Total payment 4p (3.55p) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 72,662 (63,847). Pretax profit 3,019 (1,863). Earnings per share 9.56p (6.03p).

● **GLOBAL GROUP:** The company has agreed, subject to contract, to purchase Ken Read and Son (Wholesale Meat), which carries on operations from freehold factory premises in Spalding, Lincolnshire. The price is £1.1 million, to be satisfied by Global shares, with a provision for a further £75,000, becoming payable on exercise of share options in Read.

● **SHELDON JONES:** Half-year to November 30. Interim dividend unchanged at 1.35p, payable on May 6. With figures in £000: Turnover 7,170 (6,208 restated). Pretax profit 241 (254). Earnings per share 3.07p (2.98p).

● **FINDHORN FINANCE:** No dividend (nil) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 272 (1,678). Pretax loss 619 (822 loss).

● **CLONDALKIN GROUP:** Total dividend 8.96p (8.15p) for 1986. With figures in Ir£000: Pretax profit 4,668 (£4.25 million), against 3,541. Turnover 59,511 (47,123). Earnings per share 32.80p (27.48p). The board proposes a two-for-one scrip issue.

● **DESOUTTER BROTHERS (HOLDINGS):** Total dividend 7.7p (7.3p) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 39,190 (32,970). Pretax profit 4,945 (4,706). Earnings per share 25.2p (31.8p).

● **HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS:** Channel Foods, a Cornwall-based producer of chilled, smoked fish and pâté products has been acquired by Clearwater Fine Foods of Canada, in which Hillsdown has a big interest, through a profit-related sale worth up to £3 million.

● **PETRANOL:** No dividend (1.5p) for 1986. With figures in £000: (comparisons restated): Turnover 4,245 (7,443). Pretax loss 1,752 (2,224 profit). Extraordinary debit 657 (nil). Loss per share 9.5p (5.9p earnings).

● **HIGHLANDS AND LOWLANDS:** Total dividend for 1986 12.50 sen (15 sen). With figures in Malaysian $000: Pretax profit 30,361 (£7.5 million), against 60,659. Turnover 101,081 (132,950). Extraordinary credit 1,803 (57,467).

● **BRITISH PETROLEUM OF AUSTRALIA:** Net loss of Aus$16.15 million (£7 million) for 1986, against a profit of Aus$73.38 million. Sales fell to Aus$2.27 billion (Aus$2.94 billion). The company attributed the deficit to stock losses arising from the drop in crude prices in the first half, when it made a Aus$119.93 million loss.

● **MUNTON BROS:** No dividend (nil) for the six months to December 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 5,901 (6,708). Pretax loss 373 (profit 36). Loss per share 2.26p (earnings 0.22p).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*392)	330	65	73	82	1	3	5
	360	37	50	63	2	10	17
	390	14	32	43	10	20	25
British Gas (*91)	80	11½	16	20	1	2½	4
	90	4½	10	14½	3	5½	8
	100	1	5	9½	10	11	14½
British Airways (*132)	110	22	27	30	1	3	6
	120	12½	17	23	½	6	9½
	130	6½	12½	17	5½	11	15
BP (*914)	800	120	142	162	2	12	25
	850	75	100	125	8	23	37
	900	40	70	95	25	35	48
Cons Gold (*968)	750	222	235	247	1	5	10
	800	170	187	202	2	10	22
	850	125	142	157	7	15	28
Courtaulds (*433)	360	76	84	96	1	7	7
	390	46	60	76	3	12	14
	420	25	40	56	10	20	27
	460	5	20	33	30	39	48
Com Union (*320)	300	25	36	44	5	9	15
	330	9	23	35	17	25	30
	360	3	15	26	42	45	48
Cable & Wire (*375)	325	51	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	29	—	—	5	—	—
	360	—	39	51	—	20	30
	390	6½	19	36	22	35	37
GEC (*208)	200	13	24	31	3	10	13
	220	3½	13	19	15	21	23
	240	1	6	13	34	38	40
Grand Met (*473)	420	57	72	85	2	5	6
	460	23	42	57	8½	20	27
	500	4	25	37	33	40	48
	550	1	10	20	80	85	90
ICI (*1322)	1300	58	112	130	27	65	80
	1350	30	85	105	50	90	110
	1400	14	65	85	90	120	140
	1450	6	45	68	135	150	175
Land Securities (*397)	360	39	49	58	2	8	11
	390	17	30	40	7	18	22
	420	6	15	24	28	36	43
Marks & Spen (*219)	200	23	28	36	3	6	8
	220	8	16	24	8	15	20
	240	2	8	16	23	29	33
Shell Trans (*1217)	1150	80	108	133	7	20	33
	1200	42	78	103	23	33	45
	1250	20	55	83	43	57	70
Trafalgar House (*346)	300	47	54	62	1½	8	11
	330	18	32	34	6	14	20
	360	5	15	28	21	29	37
TSB (*86)	70	17	19	21½	1	1	2
	80	7½	12	15	1½	4	4½
	90	2	6½	10½	5	7½	7½
Woolworth (*800)	750	65	85	90	5	15	25
	800	30	45	63	25	40	60
	850	10	30	43	75	80	85
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Beecham (*560)	460	103	112	—	4	13	—
	500	68	80	—	15	22	—
	550	36	60	63	35	46	55
	600	15	28	41	62	75	85
Boots (*271)	260	18	24	35	21	28	32
	300	12	15	24	37	44	45
	330	15	10	—	62	64	—
BTR (*328)	300	35	45	55	9	15	18
	330	17	27	38	22	28	32
	360	10	15	27	43	47	52
Bass (*903)	900	68	80	100	35	50	58
	950	35	58	75	70	80	83
	1000	8	40	47	110	115	120
Blue Circle (*823)	700	177	140	162	5	10	15
	750	85	100	122	8	20	30
	800	53	73	92	28	37	45
De Beers (*1343)	1100	295	315	375	30	55	60
	1200	225	260	310	60	76	85
	1300	175	210	240	100	130	155
	1400	125	170	205	150	190	210
Dixons (*391)	381	36	48	—	17	24	—
	390	—	—	50	—	—	30
	420	18	28	36	44	46	48
GKN (*313)	280	41	49	—	5	8	—
	300	30	38	43	14	17	20
	330	13	19	26	27	30	33
	360	6	10	17	49	52	55
Glaxo (*1451)	1500	90	110	140	105	140	150
	1550	60	950	115	135	175	175
	1600	53	80	95	170	205	210
	1650	30	60	—	210	235	—
Hanson (*167)	135	35½	38½	—	1	2	—
	150	22	26½	—	3	5	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Hanson contd	165	12	17½	—	9	11	—
	180	5½	10½	15	17½	19½	21
Jaguar (*584)	550	60	80	100	18	25	35
	600	32	55	77	42	47	55
	650	14	35	—	73	78	—
Sears (*129)	130	9½	11½	16	9½	10½	11
	140	5	8½	12½	14	18	19
	160	2½	5	8½	34	35½	36½
Tesco (*469)	420	65	82	—	5	13	—
	460	40	58	67	18	30	35
	500	17	37	47	43	50	53
Thorn EMI (*625)	500	140	147	—	2	3	—
	550	95	105	—	6	12	—
	600	60	70	90	16	28	32
	650	32	45	60	38	50	55
THF (*233)	200	41	49	59	2	3	7
	220	25	36	55	6	10	14
	240	14	23	30	16	20	23
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*636)	600	53	72	83	20	28	37
	650	23	43	58	43	60	57
	700	11	27	42	77	82	92
BAT Inds (*536)	420	118	128	—	1	1½	—
	460	78	93	—	3	6	—
	500	43	63	80	13	20	23
	550	16	37	50	35	40	53
Barclays (*498)	500	23	47	57	22	28	37
	550	7	27	37	55	60	65
	600	3	10	15	105	105	105
Brit Telecom (*251)	220	35	39	48	1	4	6
	240	20	25	36	4	11	14
	260	9	17	23	14	22	25
Cadbury Schwpps (*249)	240	18	28	36	12	18	20
	260	9	21	25	24	30	35
	280	5	14	—	41	47	—
Guinness (*318)	300	35	50	60	17	23	28
	330	20	33	45	30	35	40
	360	8	20	—	50	50	—
Ladbroke (*436)	373	60	70	—	1	4	—
	403	38	48	62	8	12	17
	443	13	25	38	32	37	42
LASMO (*253)	220	37	45	51	6	13	16
	240	25	34	40	13	18	22
	260	16	25	33	26	32	36
Midland Bank (*632)	550	95	107	—	3	8	—
	600	55	72	85	11	18	28
	650	22	42	55	32	42	57
Plessey (*234)	220	28	31	35	6	8	10
	240	13	20	25	14	18	20
	260	6	12	17	29	32	35
P & O (*631)	550	82	93	—	3	12	—
	600	35	62	77	12	23	30
	650	12	25	48	40	56	60
Racal (*231)	220	22	28	40	7	11	13
	240	10	19	26	16	22	25
	260	4	11	19	30	36	40
RTZ (*828)	650	187	205	—	3	6	—
	700	137	157	177	6	12	17
	750	97	115	135	15	25	35
	800	60	85	104	37	45	54
Vaal Reef (*134)	120	17½	23	25½	5	8	11
	130	13	18	21	8	11	14½
	140	9	12½	15½	11	14	17
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*285)	220	72	76	—	1	1½	—
	240	52	57	—	1½	3	—
	260	35	41	44	4	9	12
	280	23	30	34	12	17	21
	300	12	20	—	22	27	—
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£108)	104	4%	4 7/16	—	3/32	¼	—
	106	2%	2%	2%	¼	[illegible]	1¼
	108	1 5/16	1%	1%	1 5/16	[illegible]	[illegible]
	110	½	%	15/16	2%	3%	3%
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£121)	114	7%	7%	—	¼	11/16	—
	116	6	6%	7%	7/16	1%	2 1/16
	118	4%	5 7/16	6%	15/16	[illegible]	2%
	120	3 5/16	4%	5 3/16	1½	2%	3 3/16
	122	2 3/16	3%	4%	2%	[illegible]	1%

		Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Calls May	Calls Jun	Puts Mar	Puts Apr	Puts May	Puts Jun
FT-SE Index (*1999)	1700	293	328	—	—	½	1	—	—
	1750	243	278	—	—	½	1	—	—
	1800	193	230	245	—	½	2	5	—
	1850	143	139	198	—	½	5	10	—
	1900	93	138	155	—	½	10	20	—
	1950	43	98	115	127	½	23	33	50
	2000	1½	65	83	103	6	38	48	62
	2050	½	38	53	80	6	68	75	85

March 31, 1987. Total contracts 46429. Calls 32021. Puts 14408. FT-SE Index. Calls:2677. Puts:3034 *Underlying security price.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Inventive labour

Lord Attlee, son of former Labour Prime Minister Clem Attlee, claims to be something of an inventor. The 59-year-old peer has patented a small plastic disc which he says prevents skins from forming on the top of half-used tins of paint. "It would be cheap to produce and it works with all paint, even cellulose, which is handy for car body shops," he says. Now an American company is interested in mass-manufacturing it. Attlee's enthusiasm for inventions extends to his chairmanship of Inventure, a private and so far non-profit making company founded 18 months ago by Simon Rogers, of Applied Holographics fame. The intention is to encourage inventors and to market their more commercial ideas in return for a minority share stake. Successful ideas to date include a workout machine which should earn its inventor £500,000 a year from 1989.

"Henry, I've been taken over."

Wedd partner

Popular Wedd Durlacher jobber Michael Harvey, aged 45, has died. He had been taken ill five weeks ago with a brain tumor. Michael, known to his friends as "Suave Harve" because of his cool and handsome demeanour, had been with Wedd for 27 years and was a partner of the firm until it was taken over by Barclays Bank to create the BZW financial empire. "He was a quiet man — which is unusual for a jobber — and had lots of friends," says colleague Michael Denneny."He will be greatly missed." He leaves a widow, Linda, and two teenage sons. His funeral is at 3pm on Friday at St John's Crematorium, Woking.

● Could it be that Midland Bank is suffering from the Greenwell effect? Its annual report and accounts, out yesterday, reveal that whereas in 1985 its highest paid director earned £120,000, last year no fewer than seven directors earned considerably more than that. The highest paid of these earned £188,840, not far off twice the salary of chairman, Sir Donald Barron. Such generous expenditure has cost Midland an extra £1 million.

Water of life?

If the French are really serious about joining us in trade sanctions against Japan, they might start with their national airline. A Scottish colleague recently settled into his Air France seat and ordered a whisky, only to be served a fluid which, on inquiry, turned out to be Suntory Japanese whisky. His spluttering protest was answered by a Gallic shrug and the information that no other choice was available.

● David Stevens, chairman of both United Newspapers — owner of Express Newspapers — and Montagu Investment Management, spent yesterday afternoon at the House of Lords following his formal introduction to fellow peers in the chamber. He will, from now on, be known as Lord Stevens of Ludgate. The new Lord was forced to share the limelight with trade unionist David Basnett, who was simultaneously introduced to the House as a baron.

Tsar wars

It's not every day that Barclayshare's chief executive Gavin Oldham transports his investments around the City of London in a plastic carrier bag. But yesterday was an exception. It was the final day for holders of Russian bonds to hand over their certificates to accountants Price Waterhouse and claim their share of a £46 million compensation deal agreed between the British and Soviet governments. Not that Oldham expects riches overnight. He was carrying about 90 certificates, some dating back to the 1820s, but he reckoned he would be lucky to raise £600. Meanwhile, back at Price Waterhouse, they are still counting the compensation applications and stray submissions which so far include a British Airways share application form, a Valentine card for the Princess of Wales, and claims purporting to be from a sun god and a Tsar.

Carol Leonard

TRENDS

High technology's new look points way ahead

How well are Britain's high-technology industries performing? Have they suffered from the same sort of difficulties, including a burgeoning trade deficit, as most of the manufacturing industry?

The question, with signs of a trade war breaking out between the United States and Japan on this very issue, and with Cable and Wireless's involvement in Japanese telecommunications at the heart of British concern, is not an idle one.

But the answer depends, as might be expected, on how high technology is defined. And a new definition of the high-technology industries in the latest edition of the Central Statistical Office's monthly publication *Economic Trends* gives a rather different picture of their long-term performance.

On a new and broader assessment of what constitutes high technology in manufacturing, for example, official figures show Britain has consistently run a trade surplus in such products.

On an older, and narrower definition, there was a trade deficit in both 1983 and 1984, and trade has only recently scraped back to balance.

Defining high technology is by no means straightforward; what was a high technology industry 10 or 15 years ago may no longer be the case. Clearly, an appropriate definition is one that moves with changes in technology.

In the *Economic Trends* article, Dr RL Butchart of the Department of Trade and Industry adapts and refines an approach first developed in the US. This is to characterize high-technology industries as those satisfying three criteria — that such industries:

● Have an above-average proportion of expenditure on research and development in relation to total turnover;

● Employ an above-average number of scientists, engineers and technicians; and

● That they can, in broad terms, be regarded as science-based.

In adapting this for Britain, Dr Butchart takes R&D expenditure as the key indicator of whether an industry can be regarded as high technology.

For manufacturing industry as a whole, the average proportion of spending on R&D in relation to turnover in 1983 — the latest year for which figures are available — was 2 per cent.

The cut-off point for regarding any manufacturing sector as high technology was a share of R&D spending more than 20 per cent above the manufacturing average, or 2.4 per cent or more of turnover.

This gives a definition of high-technology British manufacturing not dissimilar to the old definition, including synthetic resins and plastics; pharmaceuticals; office machinery; data processing equipment; telephone apparatus; electrical instruments; electronic capital goods; records, tapes and discs; active electronic components; electronic consumer goods; aerospace equipment; instrument engineering and non-active electronic components.

The last two categories qualify under the new definition, but were not included in the old. In virtually every case, such industries employed a higher proportion of scientists, engineers and technicians than the average.

Some sectors qualify very comfortably indeed on the R&D measure. In the manufacture of telephone apparatus and electronic capital goods, for example, R&D spending accounts for more than 20 per cent of turnover.

But high technology can and does go well beyond manufacturing and into services, which is why the new and wider definition also takes in specialist research and development institutions, computing services and telecommunications.

British Telecom, with 2.2 per cent of turnover spent on R&D, qualifies because, as a service industry, it would normally be expected to have a lower proportion of spending on R&D than manufacturing companies.

Armed with a new and wider definition of high technology, we can see how this changes the assessment of the performance of such industries. The improved trade balance in high-technology goods has already been mentioned (see table).

On the new definition, export performance, defined as the ratio of exports to total sales, runs just ahead of import penetration — the proportion of the home market taken up by imports. On the narrower definition, the picture was reversed.

Employment in the high-tech industries has declined since the mid-1970s, on both definitions. Last year, 1.24 million people were employed in such industries, a drop of nearly 9 per cent on 1975.

This illustrates the strong productivity gains that have been a feature of high-technology industries throughout the period.

The trend growth rate for high technology has been very strong, both in absolute terms and in relation to manufacturing industry as a whole. Excluding the service high-tech industries, output growth over the period 1975-85 averaged 2.8 per cent a year on the new definition, 3.9 per cent on the old. In contrast, the trend growth rate for manufacturing as a whole over the period was negative.

And, because the strong upward trend in high-technology output has gone hand in hand with declining employment, underlying growth in productivity has been very strong indeed, averaging at least 4 per cent, and possibly 5.5 per cent, a year.

There is no cause to be complacent on the performance of Britain's high-tech industries. The current trade surplus, after all, is smaller in real terms than in the mid 1970s. The experience of these industries, where healthy growth in output was accompanied by shedding of labour, should put a dampener on some wilder hopes about the likely effects of the current manufacturing upturn on jobs.

But the record of these industries does point the way forward for British industry.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S TECHNOLOGY TRADE

	Old Definition (£bn)			New Definition (£bn)		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
1975	2.6	2.0	0.6	3.3	2.3	1.0
1976	3.2	2.7	0.5	4.1	3.1	1.0
1977	3.9	3.4	0.6	5.0	3.8	1.2
1978	4.4	3.9	0.6	5.8	4.5	1.3
1979	5.0	4.8	0.2	6.4	5.4	1.1
1980	6.0	5.7	0.3	7.7	6.4	1.4
1981	6.7	6.5	0.3	8.6	6.9	1.7
1982	8.1	7.9	0.2	10.2	8.4	1.8
1983	9.3	10.0	-0.7	11.4	10.6	0.8
1984	11.6	12.4	-0.8	13.7	13.6	0.1
1985	13.8	13.8	0	16.3	15.2	1.1
Jan-Sept 1985	10.1	10.5	-0.4	12.0	11.7	0.3
Jan-Sept 1986	10.4	10.2	0.1	12.1	11.1	1.1

Source: Economics Trends, February 1987. Totals may not exactly add up due to rounding.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Here's hoping for a prosperous New Year

Happy New Year, Japanese financiers. In parts of Europe we have an old custom by which neighbours knock on doors bearing lumps of coal and bottles of milk as the New Year comes in. As the new financial year begins in Japan a small gift of some orders for dollars, gilts and the services of Cable and Wireless would be most acceptable. Whether this will be forthcoming seems unlikely, at least for the time being.

Yesterday markets remained in a very nervous condition following black Monday. After opening lower, the dollar recovered some ground during the day but the underlying sentiment was still heavily bearish. The sales of US bonds continued and the Federal Funds rate rose to 6¾ per cent. Sterling was lower against both the dollar and the mark, finishing 0.2 down at 71.4 in terms of the exchange rate index. In the gilt-edged market, prices began sharply lower but sentiment improved around 10.30 am. Thereafter the recovery was perceptible.

With exchange rates at their current levels, the present status of the Paris accord is somewhat obscure. The Japanese prime minister, Mr Nakasone, indicated with unusual precision that the floor for the dollar against the yen discussed in Paris was around the Y150 mark. Yesterday it finished trading in London a little above Y146.

The accord (not "agreement" notice) was always expressed in vague terms for public consumption but the tone of Nigel Lawson's comments to the Treasury select committee on Monday certainly implied the existence of exchange rate bands. Are these now a dead letter? Have they been modified? Markets can only judge on the basis of central bank operations and official statements.

Of official statements there may be more next week with the meetings in Washington of the Groups of five and seven and the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund. Meanwhile it is difficult to see what is likely to push the dollar back above Y150. The Bank of Japan has been intervening heavily and the Federal Reserve intermittently, without much visible effect.

The IMF has recently become more pessimistic about prospects for the world economy this year downgrading its forecasts to show little improvement on output growth in the industrialized world on last year's 2.4 per cent. In October it was projecting 3.1 per cent. If the present protectionist manoeuvres develop then this could prove too optimistic.

It is to be hoped that politicians in Britain at least take to heart the Chancellor's warning yesterday that our prospects are excellent — so long as there is no trade war.

End of pensions' golden era

Times are changing for pension funds and the challenges are mounting. As the latest annual survey from the WM Company emphasizes, the past decade has been a golden one for pension funds, marked with a prolonged bull market in British equities after the 1974 collapse and, in recent years, rising real rates of return on gilt-edged.

Fund managers have been partly responsible for their own success, for instance by moving away from property into overseas equities. But even here, the timing of exchange control abolition, a year before sterling peaked, has proved fortuitous in helping returns on verseas investment.

Overall, returns have averaged 10 per cent and more above inflation. Last year, the two thirds of pension fund assets monitored by WM managed a real rate of return of almost 19 per cent, despite underperforming the market in the 51 per cent invested in British equities.

If trade war fever marks a permanent break in booming world equity markets, things might not be so easy in the coming decade. Success, in any case, is bringing its own problems. To start with, the test might be stiffer. As WM's Dugald Eadie points out, actuarial assumptions of real rates of return of 1.5 to 2.5 per cent do not present managers with too much of a challenge.

It also seems likely that, as personal pensions vie with company schemes, fund managers will no longer be able to maintain anonymity over their performance.

The huge surpluses built up by the combination of buoyant markets and actuarial conservatism are also now being whittled away by new Inland Revenue rules and the threat of asset-strippers. As more and more employers take a contributions holiday, new money shrank to 7 per cent of beginning-year assets in 1986.

That has two implications. First, there will not be such a weight of money to push up the prices of domestic securities. Second, managers may no longer be able to rely on new money to adjust the stance of their portfolios.

The securities industry will be urging the latter in an attempt to recoup, through higher volume, the post-Big Bang fall in commissions and contraction in spreads.

One recent textbook for fund managers hardly bothered to mention direct contacts with companies, let alone to give any guidance on relations between big shareholders and the boards they were investing in.

TEMPUS

Bunzl aims at building after US paper success

There is no pleasing the market these days. Bunzl, the acquisitive paper and packaging group, reported preliminary results well up to analysts' expectations, and the shares were promptly marked down 13p to 222p.

Perhaps it was disappointment at the results from the Distribution Division in the United States, where prices for oil-based packaging products were under pressure.

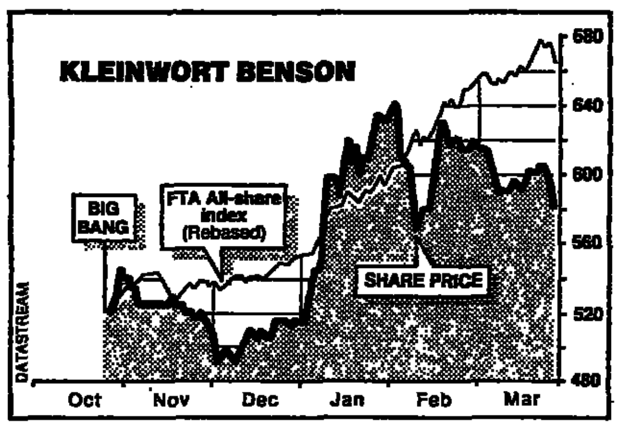
But this was the only negative note in a year which saw pretax profits soar 52 per cent to £64.8 million on turnover which rose 35 per cent to top £1 billion for the first time.

Two-thirds of the group's growth in 1986 was from acquisitions — Bunzl made 23 last year at an aggregate cost of £98 million. The balance came from organic growth.

Most surprising perhaps is the continuing growth in cigarette filters against a market background which can only be described as unpromising. Trading profit from Filtrona grew 32 per cent in 1986, and it is a measure of the rate of growth of the rest of the group that in the last five years, dependence on sales of filters has dropped from 38 per cent of profits to 18 per cent.

While the group does not need a large purchase to remain on the growth path, its ambitions will only be satisfied by further acquisitions. In the US, it is looking to grow its embryonic building materials business, repeating the pattern of its successful penetration of the US coarse paper industry, where it has captured 5 per cent of a $10 billion (£6.21 million) market in the space of five years. Building materials is also a $10 billion market, and the competition is, on the whole, fragmented.

Group earnings and dividends have grown at more than 30 per cent per annum compound for the last five years. Bunzl should make more than £95 million pretax this year. The prospective multiple is at a 12 per cent premium to the market, historically low for this consistently fast growing company.



Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale

The stock market winced with pain at Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale's year-end results which bode ill for the sector as a whole.

There was the added disappointment that, after optimistic signs last August, KBL had rejected fuller disclosure as a bad idea and handed out some pretty meagre information on its activities. The poor performance of Morgan Grenfell's shares after MG's apparently candid disclosure of figures in its prospectus last year persuaded KBL that there was no mileage in disclosure.

The market's disappointment was that it had misjudged the group. After the spectacular half-time figure last year, the received wisdom was that of all the new securities groups, KBL was the best diversified with the highest quality earnings. The second-half figures rather undermine this view.

The slump in the second half performance rests mainly on two items of non-securities business. One is the big first half capital gain on gilt and US Treasury bond sales which could not be repeated in the second half. The other was the emergence of substantial bad debts — principally in shipbroking and tin — which had to be heavily provided against.

KBL's profits are clearly more vulnerable than anyone anticipated and it looks as if management attention has been distracted from traditional business by the securities side. These problems will not necessarily recur this year, but the group may have to grapple with a fall in corporate finance profits instead.

A much less significant factor apparently, was the cost of setting up and operating the securities operation. Kleinwort Grieveson's record looks no worse than anyone else's and it claims so far to have broken even. It did not trade equities before Big Bang and so escaped a hammering. The record on gilts, however, looks ominous and the whole securities operation was only saved from loss by the performance of its swaps and overseas trading businesses.

On a historic p/e multiple of just under 10, KBL is still relatively expensive in comparison with other merchant banking groups. These figures are unlikely to cause a rerating of the stock, but they should make the market more cautious. KBL has shown its vulnerability in areas of business it knows well, just at the time it has taken on its higher risk securities business.

CH Beazer (Holdings)

Few people are indifferent to Beazer. The company has forced itself to the City's attention by frenetic corporate activity which has rapidly taken it to the higher echelons of the building sector establishment.

In tradition and style, the group is unlike its competitors whose businesses have been built up over half a century or more. Not surprisingly, there remain many who have yet to be convinced that Beazer will succeed. So far, however, the ends have justified the means.

The star of the show was housing, where profits nearly doubled to £10.8 million on volumes less than a fifth higher at 2,527 units.

At an average price of more than £44,000, Beazer should complete 6,000 units this year and 7,000 in 1987-88.

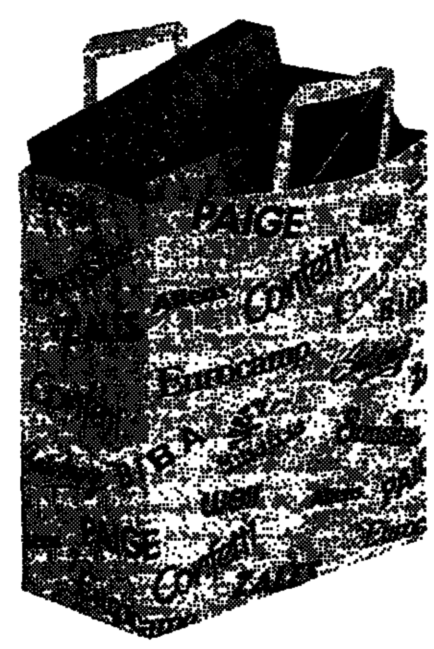
Land remains expensive. Around £80 million will be spent this year compared with £50 million in 1985-86, giving Beazer 17,000 plots and 1,000 acres under option.

French Kier's order book is worth £400 million, three quarters of which is in Britain. Margins are widening even though competition is rife.

Beazer's big move into the United States last Autumn is holding its own. Gifford-Hill contributed £4.2 million in the two months to the end of December. Conditions are firm in two-thirds of the business — California and Carolina — but Texas remains soft. The Phoenix plant in Arizona is being sold

Forecasts for 1986-87 are creeping up to £70 million ensuring no dilution to earnings.

The results demonstrate a depth of management which should propel Beazer forward.



Combined English Stores Group plc

'A Very Exciting Year'

Combined English Stores, the multiple specialist retailer, has had an outstanding year. Four important retailing acquisitions have been made and a dramatic increase in profits achieved.

"It gives me great pleasure not only to report on another record year for the Group, but also on the acquisition of a number of new companies, Zales, the Weir Jewellery Group, Sunsites and Carefree Camping, together with our purchase of 50% of the ordinary share capital of The Paige Group and 51% of Sweet Life.

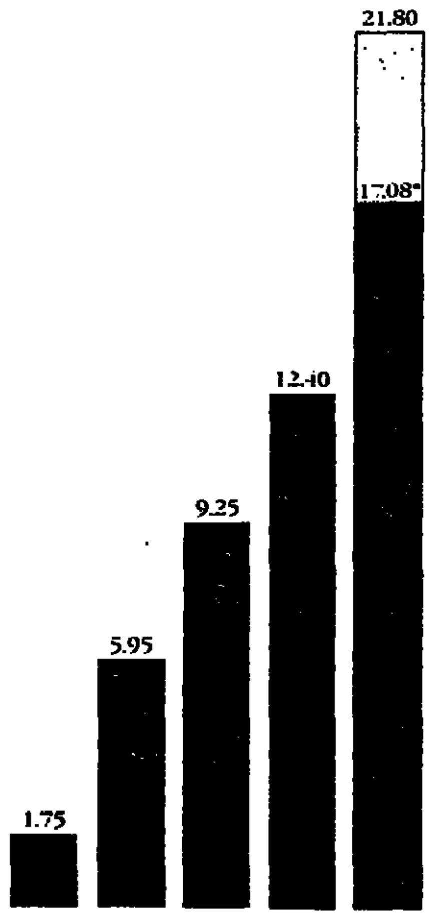
These acquisitions are wholly compatible with existing core activities and fit readily into the Group's strategy as a multiple specialist retailer, providing a strong foundation for future development and the expansion, through organic growth, of the retail divisions.

I am confident that we have both the strategy and the management capability to ensure that the Group continues to succeed in the future."

MURRAY GORDON
CHAIRMAN

Summary of Results
For the 53 weeks ended 31st January 1987 — unaudited.

	1987 £m	1986 £m	%
Turnover	188·98	142·76	32·4
Profit before tax	21·80	12·40	75·8
Profit before tax — excluding companies acquired during the year	17·08	12·40	37·7
Earnings per share	20.13p	13·09p	53·8
Dividends for the year (net)	9·00p	6·71p	34·1



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*This figure excludes pretax profits from those companies acquired during the year.

Scottish Heritable profits leap 90%

By Michael Tate

A 90 per cent increase in 1986 profits, from £3.25 million to £6.20 million, and the appointment of Mr Norman Ireland, the former BTR finance director, suggest that Scottish Heritable Trust, the floor coverings to fireworks conglomerate, is beginning to live up to its mini-Hanson image.

Mr Robin Garland, SHT's ambitious chief executive, has cleared out the loss-makers and improved the performance of the floor-coverings, property and building interests.

The latest figures include no contributions from Haven Homes, the promising US fabrications business, and the Brocks fireworks operations, each acquired near the start of the year.

SHT is prepared to take on an acquisition larger than itself and will rely on Mr Ireland's experience in choosing the right one.

Mr Ireland joins a board that already includes one former BTR man, Mr Richard Boddy, whom Mr Garland describes as a "great hands-on manager", as well as Sir Ian MacGregor, whose US contacts should benefit the group.

SHT earnings per share have risen from 12.1p to 15.5p and the dividend rises 1p to 4p with payment of a 2.4p final.

'Bright gleam of hope' for jobs, says survey

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Fresh signs of revival in Britain's depressed manufacturing industries came today from Manpower, the temporary employment company, which reported "a bright gleam of hope" for factory job prospects and continuing buoyancy in the service industries.

The employment outlook is said to show a significant improvement across the regions. Renewed optimism is reported by employers in the North-east, Yorkshire and Humberside, South Wales, the West, South, East and West Midlands and Scotland.

Manpower's latest quarterly job survey shows that 28 per cent of manufacturing companies forecast job increases, 6 per cent more than last quarter and "a small but significant" 1 per cent rise on a year ago.

Manufacturing redundancies are also declining, said Manpower, with 11 per cent of companies saying they will shed workers, compared with 13 per cent last quarter.

The sense of optimism is said to be apparent in many individual industries; electronics, private building, light engineering, electrical engineering, food and drink, vehicle, textile and chemical manufacturers all forecast more job increases in the next three months.

More than 1,600 employers were covered by the survey, indicating that almost a third of the total expect to increase jobs — an improvement of 11 per cent on the previous quarter.

In the service sectors, a third of companies say they will take on more staff, a 17 per cent rise on last quarter and 7 per cent better than a year ago. Transport, retailing, hotels and catering, banking and insurance predict job increases, with the distributive trades the only sector to forecast a decline.

Forest report 'short sighted'

By Carol Ferguson

A row is brewing between the Government and landowners over a report on forestry published by the National Audit Office (NAO) last December.

In a statement, the Country Landowners' Association has condemned the report as "narrow, unsubstantiated and short sighted."

The landowners accuse the NAO of "dismissing the economic case for forestry and underestimating the industry's importance to jobs and landscapes." They point out that Britain imports timber worth £5 billion each year, yet the NAO has hit out at tax and other incentives to forestry costing "a mere £65 million."

The report describes the incentives to private planting as "a subsidy which could only be justified in national economic terms if there were social benefits from the expansion of forestry." But it adds the social benefits appear "to be less in the private than in the public sector."

The report finds that support to forestry is an expensive means of providing employment in the main areas.

The NAO finds that returns on forestry are low and calculates that the existence of tax reliefs raises the typical rate of return on investment in forestry by 1.7 per cent to only 4.6 per cent. It is not convinced there is any intrinsic merit in investment in renewable resources which justifies the acceptance of such low rates of return.

The landowners complain that the report's conclusions are often unsubstantiated, and that it "depends almost entirely upon a narrow financial view of forestry investment."

APPOINTMENTS

Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society: **Mr WR Grylls** succeeds **Mr H Kershaw** as deputy chairman of the committee of management.

James Latham (Midland and Western): **Mr Rod Martin** becomes managing director, **Mr Ray Jones** becomes a director. **Mr Chris Sutton** becomes a director, Advanced Technical Panels.

Xylogics International: **Mr George Jackson** is appointed engineering director.

Stag Furniture Holdings: **Mr William Evans** becomes group managing director.

Park Food Group: **Mr Richard Hughes** becomes a director and **Mr Neil Alexander** becomes finance director.

Linklaters & Paines: **Mr Malcolm Gammie, Mr James Croock, Mr Nigel Reid, Mr Alan Stevens, Mr Guy Brannan, Mr Peter Sakal, Mr Paul Nelson, Mr Alan Walls, Mr Stephen Cromie, Mr Andrew Carmichael** and **Mr Peter Cornell** will join the partnership from April 27.

Munters: **Mr Robin Howe** has become managing director.

Petrofina (UK): **Sir Peter Hordern** becomes chairman, succeeding Lord Hood.

Hadfields Industrial Coatings: **Mr Paul Ellis** has been made sales director.

Ernst & Whinney International: **Mr Paul McMahon** becomes executive partner.

Odgers & Company: **Miss Eve Wernly** and **Mr Peter Makin** have joined the board.

Smith & Nephew Associated Companies: **Mr Alan Fryer** joins the board.

IMRO: **Mr Douglas McDougall, Mr Keith Percy** and **Professor Richard Smethurst** become directors.

Savills: **Mr Colin Masterson** becomes finance director, succeeding **Mr John Hancox**.

Mr Tony Elliott

Leasing Principals: **Mr Tony Elliott** has been appointed managing director, **Mr David Neale** becomes commercial director, **Mr Steve Pilgrim** is made sales and marketing director, and **Mr Ian Jeffrey** becomes a director and company secretary.

British Overseas Trade Board: **Mr Derek Hornby** is appointed chairman of the North America Advisory Group.

Rentokil: **Mr Graham Foote** is made regional managing director, UK Environmental Services. **Mr Jaap Alting** becomes regional managing director, European Environmental Services. **Mr Michael Gibbes** becomes regional managing director, International Environmental Services.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 31	Market rates close March 31	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6030-1.6080	1.6060-1.6070	0.52-0.49prem	1.31-1.28prem
Montreal	2.0874-2.1105	2.0974-2.1003	0.58-0.49prem	1.50-1.38prem
Ams'dam	3.2575-3.2770	3.2722-3.2767	1½-1¼prem	3¾-3½prem
Brussels	59.75-60.15	60.02-60.13	18-11prem	43-34prem
C'phgen	10.9170-10.9718	10.9481-10.9710	⅛-⅜dis	1-1⅜dis
Dublin	1.0819-1.0877	1.0828-1.0838	34-40dis	71-85dis
Frankfurt	2.8840-2.9025	2.8980-2.9022	1¾-1½prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	223.10-224.50	223.56-224.50	63-149dis	256-377dis
Madrid	203.50-204.10	203.80-204.09	392-444dis	543-628dis
Milan	2055.65-2069.90	2065.32-2069.82	2-parprem	2prm-3dis
Oslo	10.9130-10.9680	10.9449-10.9578	3⅝-4⅛dis	11¾-12⅝dis
Paris	9.6215-9.6580	9.6440-9.6580	1⅝-1⅛prem	3¼-2½prem
St'khlm	10.1150-10.1690	10.1485-10.1690	⅝-1⅛dis	2-2⅜dis
Tokyo	233.35-234.95	234.15-234.54	1½-1¼prem	3⅞-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.33-20.41	20.38-20.41	11-5⅝prem	27½-25⅛prem
Zurich	2.4065-2.4260	2.4218-2.4258	1⅝-1½prem	3½-2⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.4 (day's range 71.3-71.4).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4578-2.4690
Australia dollar	2.2675-2.2706
Bahrain dinar	0.6050-0.6090
Brazil cruzado*	35.0790-35.2773
Cyprus pound	0.7600-0.7700
Finland markka	7.0950-7.1350
Greece drachma	211.95-213.95
Hong Kong dollar	12.4919-12.5006
India rupee	20.55-20.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4375-0.4415
Malaysia dollar	4.0146-4.0188
Mexico peso	1785.0-1835.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8131-2.8189
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0135-6.0535
Singapore dollar	3.4188-3.4221
S Africa rand (fin)	4.6739-4.7460
S Africa rand (com)	3.2265-3.2384
U A E dirham	5.8885-5.9285

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4755-1.4775
Singapore	2.1338-2.1348
Malaysia	2.5060-2.5070
Australia	0.7060-0.7065
Canada	1.3000-1.3005
Sweden	6.3225-6.3275
Norway	6.8200-6.8250
Denmark	6.8275-6.8325
West Germany	1.8090-1.8100
Switzerland	1.5115-1.5125
Netherlands	2.0410-2.0420
France	6.0200-6.0250
Japan	146.55-146.65
Italy	1287.0-1290.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.35-37.38
Hong Kong	7.7977-7.7982
Portugal	139.70-140.20
Spain	126.93-127.03
Austria	12.68-12.70

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9½
Week fixed: 9¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	9¾	2 mnth	9½
3 mnth	9 9/16	3 mnth	9 7/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	9 23/32-9¾	2 mnth	9 11/16-9⅝
3 mnth	9 19/32-9 17/32	6 mnth	9½-9⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 1/32	2 mnth	10 5/16
3 mnth	10 7/32	6 mnth	9¾

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¾ close 14

1 week	10⅛-10 1/16	6 mnth	9 13/16-9 11/16
1 mnth	10⅛-10	9 mnth	9 13/16-9 11/16
3 mnth	9 15/16-9 13/16	12 mth	9 11/16-9 9/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	9¾	7 days	9¾
1 mnth	9¾	3 mnth	9¾
6 mnth	9½	12 mth	9

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	10-9¾	2 mnth	9¾-9⅝
3 mnth	9¾-9½	6 mnth	9¾-9⅝
9 mnth	9½-9⅜	12 mth	9¾-9⅝

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	10-9 29/32	3 mnth	9 27/32-9 23/32
6 mnth	9 21/32-9 17/32	12 mth	9 17/32-9 7/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	6.50-6.45	3 mnth	6.50-6.45
6 mnth	6.60-6.55	12 mth	6.65-6.60

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¾-5¾
7 days	6 5/16-6⅛	1 mnth	6½-6⅜
3 mnth	6⅝-6½	6 mnth	6⅝-6½
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4-3⅞	1 mnth	4-3⅞
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4-3⅞
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	8⅝-8⅜	1 mnth	8⅝-8⅜
3 mnth	8⅝-8⅜	6 mnth	8⅝-8⅜
Swiss Franc		call	60-55
7 days	2⅛-1⅞	1 mnth	3⅝-3⅜
3 mnth	3 13/16-3 11/16	6 mnth	3⅝-3⅜
Yen		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4⅜-4¼	1 mnth	4 5/16-4 1/16
3 mnth	4¼-4	6 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16

BULLION

Gold:$419.25-419.75
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 424.00-427.00 (£264.00-266.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 100.00-101.00 (£62.25-63.00)
Platinum
$ 564.75 (£352.10)
Silver
$ 6.26-6.28 (£3.90-3.92)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 28, 1987 to March 31, 1987 inclusive: 10.053 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	90.60	90.72	90.50	90.72	8906
Sep 87	90.83	90.96	90.79	90.97	1114
Dec 87	90.85	91.00	90.85	91.01	373
Mar 88	90.75	90.89	90.75	90.87	35
Jun 88	90.74	90.74	90.71	90.72	46
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.50	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.35	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.10	0
Previous day's total open interest 24937					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	93.26	93.33	93.25	93.31	6429
Sep 87	93.27	93.33	93.25	93.31	1333
Dec 87	93.21	93.30	93.21	93.28	524
Mar 88	93.14	93.18	93.13	93.18	143
Jun 88	92.97	92.99	92.97	93.01	20
Sep 88	92.78	92.78	92.78	92.80	10
Dec 88	NT	—	—	92.58	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	92.37	0
Previous day's total open interest 24789					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	97-08	98-08	97-08	97-30	6821
Sep 87	NT	—	—	96-28	0
Previous day's total open interest 3119					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	121-16	123-30	121-16	123-19	43401
Sep 87	122-19	123-10	122-19	123-17	20
Dec 87	NT	—	—	123-18	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 24587					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	199.70	200.50	199.20	199.25	294
Jun 87	203.90	205.70	202.10	204.75	2129
Previous day's total open interest 8066					

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	177
Airtours (180p)	200
Barbour Indx (215p)	365
Br Airways (aa)	131½ +2½
Burford (80p)	150 –11
Capital Radio (105p)	154 –30
Castle Comm (200p)	221 –2
Dale Group (110p)	125 –3
Glentree (16p)	55 –6
Hewetson (70p)	87 –2
Hobson Pub (250p)	365
Hornby (100p)	103 –7
JSB Elec (115p)	131 –2
Lon & Metro (145p)	248 +2
MIL (144p)	198
Mallett (120p)	198
Misys PLC (95p)	130
Nobo (152p)	178
Perpetual (180p)	196
Plum Hldgs (90p)	170 –3
Prism Leisure (120p)	144 –3
RCO (95p)	101 +1
Regina H Beauty (20p)	39
Reliance Sec	177 –3
Sanders Sydney (100p)	141 –1
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	255 –8
Sinclair G S (90p)	96 –1
Thornton G W (135p)	174 –1
TSB Group (100p)	86
Virgin (140p)	154 –4
Wilson Bowden (130p)	142 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone F/P	58
Burgess F/P	280 –15
City Site Est F/P	£118 +3
Iceland N/P	40 –1
Ladbroke N/P	47½ +4½
Pict Pet N/P	1½ –1
Widney N/P	10 –1

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
290	180	Abelacot Group	280	300	+40
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	31	34	–1
120	112	Allied Insurance	108	118	n/c
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	48	52	+2
68	24	Corton Beach	58	63	n.a
165	121	Edenspring Inv	160	170	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	33	35	n/c
41	8	Do. Warrants	19	21	+1
29	17	Publishing Holdings	28	30	n/c
55	46	Theme Holdings	52	55	–1
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Mar 30	Apr 11	Jul 9	Jul 20

Call options were taken out on: 31/3/87 Guinness, AB Engineering, Equity & General, Property Trust, Atlantic Resources, Sears, Dares Estates, Wordplex, St. Modwen, Astra Ind., WA Holdings, Brent Walker, Amstrad, Whewey, North Kalgurli Mines, Owners Abroad, TSB, Spong, GRA, Pavion, Racal, Newman Inds., Blackwood Hodge, Blacks Leisure, Fairline Boats, Control Secs., Egerton Trust, Ultramar.
Puts: Pilkington Bros., GRA, New England Property.
Put & Call: Guinness.

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Points from Chairman's Review

- Profit for the year rose to £5.207m (1985 £4.545m). The Directors are again recommending an increased final dividend; 3.75p (1985 3.25p) for the year.
- There are indications that the Scotch Whisky industry's stock levels are coming into balance with requirements.
- Sales of blended scotch whiskies were significantly up on last year. The recently acquired Mackinlay brands made a useful contribution to the company's results.
- We expect to make further progress during 1987 in spite of the difficulties facing the industry.

Copies of the accounts are available from The Secretary,
Invergordon Distillers (Holdings) PLC,
9/21 Salamander Place, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 7JL.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Prices firmer at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 23. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day April 13.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 20

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Costain	Building,Roads	
2	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
3	CH Ind	Industrials A-D	
4	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
5	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
6	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
7	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
8	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
9	House of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
10	Lawrence (Walter)	Building,Roads	
11	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
12	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
13	Executex Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
14	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Geest	Foods	
16	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
17	AGB Research	Industrials A-D	
18	Morrison (W)	Foods	
19	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
20	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
22	NMV Inv	Industrials L-R	
23	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
24	AB Elect	Electricals	
25	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
27	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
28	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
29	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
30	Trent	Building,Roads	
31	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
32	Dataserv	Electricals	
33	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Preedy (Alfred)	Drapery,Stores	
35	Alphameric	Electricals	
36	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
37	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
38	Low (Wm)	Foods	
39	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
40	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
41	Greene King	Breweries	
42	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
43	Warrington (T)	Building,Roads	
44	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100¼	94¼	Fund	6½%	1985-87	99¾ ●		6.5	9.231
101¼	95¾	Treas	10%	1987	100	+⅛	10.0	9.932
99¾	93¼	Treas	3%	1987	98¾		3.0	7.476
104½	94¼	Treas	12%	1987	101½		11.8	9.285
99½	93	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99		7.8	8.814
104¼	93½	Exch	10½%	1988	101¼		10.4	9.256
102¾	93½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	100⅝		9.7	9.259
95⅝	91½	Treas	3%	1978-88	95½		3.1	6.664
102⅝	92⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	100¾ ●		9.5	9.268
107⅝	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	103¾	-⅛	11.1	9.238
105⅝	93¼	Treas	10½%	1989	102¼	-⅛	10.3	9.266
104½	92⅝	Exch	10%	1989	101¼	-⅛	9.9	9.239
111⅛	95¼	Exch	10¼%	1989	104		9.9	9.292
105	96¾	Exch	11%	1989	103¾	-⅛	10.6	9.197
94¼	87½	Treas	5%	1986-89	93¼	●-⅛	5.4	7.756
103⅝	94⅝	Treas	C9¼%	1989	100⅝	●-⅛	9.5	9.236
93	85⅝	Treas	3%	1989	92⅝		3.2	6.839
114¼	97⅝	Treas	13%	1990	109⅝		11.9	9.064
109¼	95	Exch	11%	1990	104⅝		10.5	6.849
113½	99½	Exch	12¼%	1990	108½		11.5	9.152
89¼	81⅛	Treas	3%	1990	88	-¼	3.4	9 135
100⅝	88⅛	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	98¼	-⅛	8.4	6.883
106¼	94	Treas	10%	1990	102⅝	●-⅛	9.8	8.684
87¼	79	Exch	2½%	1990	86⅝	-¼	2.9	9.158
109½	95¾	Treas	C10%	1991	105¾	+⅛	9.5	9 172
112¼	95⅛	Treas	11¾%	1991	107½		10.9	7 687
94¼	86	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	93⅝ ●		6.2	8.289
110⅝	97½	Exch	11%	1991	106⅝ ●		10.3	9.122
86½	78½	Treas	3%	1991	86⅛	-¼	3.5	6.835

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
118⅝	98½	Treas	12¾%	1992	113⅝	-⅛	11.2	9.051
107¼	92¾	Treas	10%	1992	103		9.7	9.097
109⅝	92¼	Treas	C10½%	1992	105¼	+⅛	10.0	9.126
117½	100⅛	Exch	12¼%	1992	112⅝	-⅛	10.9	9.173
123½	103⅛	Exch	13½%	1992	117½	-⅛	11.5	9.232
108	92½	Treas	10%	1993	103¼	●-⅛	9.7	9 186
127⅛	98½	Treas	12½%	1993	114⅝		10.9	9.259
91⅛	81⅛	Fund	6%	1993	90¾	+¼	6.6	7.794
128	106⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	121		11.4	9.353
133⅛	104⅛	Treas	14½%	1994	126		11.5	9.258
122¼	103	Exch	12½%	1994	118		10.8	9.362
127¼	105⅝	Exch	13½%	1994	120¾	●+⅛	11.2	9.360
103¾	86⅝	Treas	9%	1994	99⅛	+⅛	9.1	9.095
120	98	Treas	12%	1995	114		10.5	9.330
81¾	71⅝	Gas	3%	1990-95	79⅛ ●		3.8	6.342
110⅝	90¼	Exch	10¼%	1995	105⅛		9.7	9.235
126	102¼	Treas	12¾%	1995	119⅛		10.7	9.358
139¾	108	Treas	14%	1996	126⅝	+⅛	11.1	9.426
103¼	86¼	Treas	9%	1992-96	98⅝	+¼	9.1	9.217
142⅝	114	Treas	15¼%	1996	134⅝		11.3	9.410
130½	104⅝	Exch	13¼%	1996	123	+⅛	10.8	9.357
88	76¼	Rdmpt	3%	1996	85½	●+1¼	3.5	—
107	89⅝	Conv	10%	1996	103¾		9.6	9.309
131	105⅝	Treas	13¼%	1997	124⅛	+⅛	10.7	9.363
112⅝	93	Exch	10½%	1997	107		9.8	9.311
101¾	83⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	96⅝	+⅛	9.1	9.206
142½	118⅝	Exch	15%	1997	135¼ ●		11.1	9.571
88½	71	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	84½ ●		8.0	8.980
107½	87½	Exch	9¾%	1998	102⅝	+⅛	9.5	9.328
148⅝	122¼	Treas	15½%	1998	140⅝ ●		11.0	9.526
124¼	101⅛	Exch	12%	1998	117½		10.2	9.449
107½	85⅛	Treas	9½%	1999	101⅞		9.3	9.206
126½	104	Exch	12¼%	1999	119⅝		10.2	9.405
114	93⅝	Treas	10½%	1999	108		9.7	9.360
110½	91	Conv	10¼%	1999	106⅛		9.6	9.311
133½	105⅝	Treas	13%	2000	126⅛		10.3	9.436
102¼	84⅛	Conv	9%	2000	98½	+⅛	9.1	9.131
111⅝	90¾	Treas	10%	2001	105½	+⅛	9.5	9.224
107½	88	Conv	9¾%	2001	103⅝	+⅛	9.4	9.220
137½	110¾	Treas	14%	1998-01	129⅛		10.8	9.521

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
111⅝	90⅛	Conv	10%	2002	107⅛	●+¼	9.4	9.165
124¼	98¾	Exch	12%	1999-02	117½		10.2	9.428
109⅛	89⅛	Treas	9¾%	2002	104	+¼	9.4	9.145
112½	91¼	Treas	10%	2003	106¼	+⅛	9.4	9.147
139⅛	110¼	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	131¾	+⅛	10.4	9.402
123½	100⅝	Treas	11½%	2001-04	118⅝	+⅛	9.9	9.242
112¾	91⅛	Treas	10%	2004	106⅝	+⅛	9.4	9.152
60½	47⅝	Fund	3½%	1999-04	57	+⅛	6.1	8.197
108½	87½	Conv	9½%	2004	102½	●+¼	9.3	9.133
108⅝	87⅝	Conv	9½%	2005	102⅝	●+⅛	9.3	9.116
117⅝	95½	Exch	10½%	2005	111½	+⅛	9.4	9.105
134⅛	108¼	Treas	12½%	2003-05	128⅛	+¼	9.9	9.203
95⅝	76⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	90	●+½	8.9	9.033
109½	88⅛	Conv	9¾%	2006	104¾	+½	9.3	9.180
127⅛	101½	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	120⅝	+½	9.7	9.155
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas	[illegible]	2007	94¼		9.0	9.037

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	436½	Nat West (aa)	585	590	●+1	29.3	5.0	6.3
127	79	Ottoman	127	-	+1	600	4.7	10.0
384	258	Provident	355	360	●-3	18.6	5.2	12.4
232	219	REA Go	216	221	-1	2.9	1.3	15.4
180½	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	159½	160½	+½	7.8	4.8	16.7
380	260	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	314	316	-1	15.4	4.9	7.9
825	581	Schroders	882	890	●-4	19.3	2.2	13.2
894	420	Stand Chart (aa)	825	828		50.8	6.0	8.5
102	72	TSB (aa)	85½	86½	●			
896	638	Union	880	875		57.1	6.6	10.1
39¼	21	Wells Fargo	30	-	●-½			
423	225	Wintrust	400	425	●+3	8.0	1.9	20.4

BREWERIES

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
408	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	389	392	+2	14.5	3.7	17.8
995	285	Bass (aa)	900	904	-10	24.3	2.7	18.8
76½	22	Belhaven	70	72		1.0	1.4	35.0
145	87	Boddingtons	133	135	-3	5.3	4.0	14.4
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	550	560	-2	20.0b	3.8	18.4
171	57	Buckleys	137	140	-2	4.3	3.1	32.2
208	142	Bulmer (H P)	185	189	-7	7.7	4.1	19.2
750	410	Burtonwood Brew	697	705	+1	15.4	2.2	23.3
515	485	Clark (Matthew)	483	493	●-10	12.1	2.5	16.8
234	128	Devenish (J A)	210	215	-9	3.9	1.8	29.5
249½	186	Greenall Whitley	225	228	-9	7.9	3.5	13.7
347	185	Greene King	320	324	-6	8.4	2.6	18.4
355	215	Guinness (aa)	316	319	●+1	11.6	3.6	12.1
653	473	Hardys & Hansons	645	655	-2	26.7	4.1	14.3
91	66	Highland Dist	70	72	-2	3.1	4.4	13.7
181	138	Invergordon Dist	172	175	●-1	6.8	3.9	11.1
286	160	Irish Dist	200	205		6.0	3.0	
131	77	Marston Thompson	128	129	+½	3.3	2.6	18.4
558	353	Morland	520	530	●-8	10.0	1.9	25.5
375	131	SA Breweries	370	380	+38	..	..	..
279	178	Scot & New (aa)	223	225	-4	10.3	4.6	13.8
597	350	Vaux	568	573	-2	17.9	3.1	19.5
349	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	302	305	-13	11.5	3.8	14.0
352	248	Do 'B'	335	-	-17	11.5	3.4	15.5
326	210	Whitbread Inv	303	308	-9	11.0	3.6	39.3
432	282	Wolvrhmptn & D	310	313	-1	7.0	2.2	17.6
373	195	Young 'A'	350	360	-4	11.4	3.2	24.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	189	Abbey	272	277	-5			
258	191	Aberdeen Constr	224	228		11.6	5.1	20.9
335	215	Amec	332	334	-2	16.4	4.9	18.0
52	25	Anglo Utd	40	42	●-1	2.2	5.4	17.1
111	52	Arcliffe	95	100	●-3	2.3	2.3	23.0
292	123	Atwoods	272	274	-3	7.5	2.7	20.5
719	328	BPB Ind (aa)	677	682	-20	14.3	2.1	20.0
730	57	Baggeridge Brick	155	165	s-5	2.5	1.6	21.6
69	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	56	59	-1	0.9	1.6	11.6
204	116	Barratt Devs	178	180	-1	11.9	6.6	18.7
220	121	Bellway	212	214	-1	10.7	5.0	11.3
306	134	Berkeley Gp	300	305	-2	3.2	1.1	33.4
110	61	Bett Bros	94	98	-4	4.6	4.8	25.4
17	875	Blockleys	16¼	17¼	+1¼	38.5	2.3	23.4
828	526	Blue Circle	820	823	+4	30.0	3.6	11.6
295	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	292	302	-1	14.6	5.0	27.7
121	73	Br Dredging	113	116	-3	4.3	3.7	21.1
25½	14½	Brown & Jackson	23	24½	+½	..	..	61.5
200	80	Bryant	168	170	●-1	6.1b	3.6	11.7
27	7	Burnett & Hallam	14	15	-½	..	..	1.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
555	285	Atlantic Comp	543	550	+7	4.1	0.7	17.5
123	68	Audio Fidelity	105	110	-2	..	..	51.2
266	138	Auto Sec	245	248	-13	2.8	1.1	18.6
370	253	BICC	335	338	-7	16.8	5.0	17.7
138	73	BSR	101	103	-4	2.7	2.6	16.1
180	118	Black	172	175	●-2	4.9	2.8	15.8
165	25	Borland	130	135	-6	..	..	..
694	375	Bowthorpe	678	682		11.6	1.7	19.0
207	75	Britannia Security	185	188	●-3	2.3	1.2	20.5
278	188	Br Telecom (aa)	249	252		11.2	4.5	14.7
113	73½	Brown Boveri Kent	104	107	-1	5.0	4.7	18.9
18½	11	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15	16	-1	0.1e	0.6	27.7
243	158	CAP Group	215	218	-1	2.3	1.1	27.5
150	62	CASE	91	97	-4	..	..	7.9
395	277	Cable Wireless (aa)	372	376	●+10	7.2	1.9	20.4
318	195	Cambridge Elec	287	290	-4	11.4	3.9	19.7
75	37	Chloride	66	67	-½			15.6
342	173	Do 7½% CPF	283	286	-2			
256	111	Coline Ind	250	255		3.9	1.5	25.6
495	203	Comcap	498	500		2.9	0.6	18.3
368	259	Cray Elect	365	370	●	6.0	1.6	28.8
301	140	Crystalate	272	276	-4	7.3	2.7	15.0
195	115	DDT Group	140	147	-1	1.7	1.2	12.5
79	49	Dale Elect	67	69	●-1	4.3	6.3	22.5
245	143	Dataserv	175	180	-2	1.0	0.6	..
48	32	Dewhurst	33	36	●-5	1.7	4.9	13.4
52	28	Do 'A'	30	33	●-7	1.7	5.3	12.3
429	282	Domino	395	405	●-7	3.3	0.8	23.6
60	42	Dowding & Mills	57	58½	-1½	2.3	4.0	15.1
212	120	Dubilier	175	180	-4	4.4	2.5	18.8
25	4	Eagle Tst	21½	22	+¾	..	..	..
520	352	Electrocomponents	473	475	-9	9.4	2.0	23.0
86	46	Electronic Mach	70	75				84.9
61	42	Electronic Rentals	50	52	-1	4.5	9.0	14.0
400	235	Emess Lighting	380	383	-1	9.0	2.3	21.8
415	285	Eurotherm	395	405	●-9	7.1	1.8	21.5
127	47	FKI Elect	123	124	-3	1.3	1.1	28.7
243	147	Farnell Elect	220	223	-4	3.6	1.6	21.9
144	90	Ferranti	117	119		2.5	2.1	19.8
96	24	Forward Tech	83	86	-5	1.0	1.2	16.0
243	180	GEC (aa)	207	209	●+2	6.3	3.0	13.0
180	90	Grosvenor	110	140				
114	75	Highland Elect	82	85	-2	3.6	3.8	12.3
194	172	Hoskyns Gp	188	191	-1			
159	45	IRL	90	95	-4	1.7	1.8	12.9
358	225	Int Signal & Control	262	264	-3	1.0	0.4	..
325	177	Jones Stroud	310	320	●	12.9	4.1	11.8
443	90	Kode	428	438	●-4	18.6	4.3	18.3
313	220	Lec Refrigeration	302	307	-3	17.9	5.9	11.8
334	122	Logica	313	315	●-13	2.1	0.7	33.9
435	270	MK Elect	413	417	-6	15.9	3.8	15.1
295	125	Macro 4	293	295	●-1	2.7	0.9	36.8
408	115	Memec	273	278	-6	4.7	1.7	28.7
130	52½	Micro Bus	100	105	+2	0.7e	0.7	18.2
518	240	Microfilm Repro	480	495	●-25	4.3	0.9	50.5
250	80	Micro Focus	100	110	-10			
688	301	Microgen	303	310	●+2	11.4	3.7	12.9
333	132½	Miles 33	328	338	+8	2.1	0.6	24.0
457	238	Mitel	3½	3¾				
87	34	[illegible] Elect	83	88		0.1e	0.1	64.7
65	39	Murray Elect	52	55	-1	0.3	0.6	84.4
313	238	Newmark (Louis)	290	305	●	20.8	6.7	11.2
108½	74	NEI	91	92	-2½	7.5	8.2	21.5
45	9	Oceonics	29	31	-1	..	..	6.1
590	376	Oxford Instruments	423	427	●-11	2.9	0.7	18.4
298	150	P-E International	280	284		4.3	2.1	16.8
31	16	Plascom	27	28	●-1	0.7	2.5	13.6
161	93¾	Philips Fin 5¾%	101	104		575	5.6	
17¼	13	Philips Lamps N/V	15	-	-½	..	..	..

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1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
149	109	SEET	144	147	-1	7.6	5.2	8.3
143	84	Sekers	129	132	●-5	3.5	2.7	10.5
177	128	Shiloh	129	132	●-1	7.4	5.6	9.8
100	49	Smallshaw (R)	89	91	-2	3.9	4.3	8.2
44	14	Stoddard 'A'	42	43½	-1	..	..	..
188	132	Textured Jersey	153	156	● ..	8.6	5.5	8.8
453	28	Tomkinsons	447	457	-1	5.7	1.3	21.8
136	87	Tootal	131½	132½	-1½	5.9	4.5	13.7
350	220	Yorklyde	248	260		10.0	4.0	7.8

TOBACCOS

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
559	444	BAT (aa)	533	537	-3	20.4	3.8	10.0
168	123	Carroll	122	127	-6	..	..	..
257	135	Rothmans 'B'	246	248	-2	10.0	4.0	8.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.7	118.2●	+0.2	10.15
High Inc Equity	118.1	125.6●	-1.3	4.14
Worldwide Bond	197.8	210.4●	+0.2	4.51
American Growth	168.9	179.6	+0.8	1.80
Asian Pacific	67.2	71.4	-0.4	3.11
Assets & Earns	140.2	149.1	-0.8	1.53
Capital Reserve	70.8	71.3●	-0.8	1.42
Comm & Energy	141.4	150.4●	+0.3	6.44
European Capital	96.1	102.2●	-0.5	1.24
General	161.3	171.5	-1.8	2.48
Japan	82.2	87.4	+1.0	..
UK Growth Inc	141.7	158.7●	-0.5	1.17
Do Accum	205.7	218.8●	+0.4	0.81
US Emerging Co's	59.3	63.0	+0.2	1.73
Equitas Progress	260.6	277.2	-1.5	2.45
Mastertst.Acc	77.0	81.9	+0.4	2.15
American Inc	62.5	66.8	+0.7	4.79

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	79.3	84.8	-0.1	..
Europe Growth Acc	120.0	127.8●	+0.1	1.21
Exempt	371.7	380.8●	-8.2	4.24
Far Eastern	211.5	225.2●	+0.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	78.2	80.7●	-1.7	2.16
High Yield	71.9	76.2●	-1.1	4.53
Income & Gth	305.9	324.0●	-6.2	3.80
Intl Earnings	194.2	205.7●	-3.7	2.25
Intl Growth Inc	96.9	103.2●	-0.6	0.58
Japan Growth Acc	971.6	1033.2●	-19.7	3.80
Nat Resources Inc	259.6	276.5c	-0.4	..
Nth Amer Gth Inc	127.8	136.7	-2.9	0.93
Preference Inc	117.8	124.8c	-4.2	10.27
Small Co's Div Inc	81.1	86.9	-1.9	4.06
Small Co's Gth	280.7	297.3●	-5.9	1.37
Special Sits Inc	153.3	162.4	-1.1	1.39
UK Growth	394.2	417.6c	-11.9	2.53

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	276.7	295.3●	-8.4	2.73
Growth & Income	156.7	165.1●	-4.5	3.69
Capital Trust	254.6	280.5●	-8.7	2.54
Balanced	433.3	460.3	-14.5	2.89
Accum Trust	651.3	690.4	-23.2	2.63
American Income	32.4	34.5	-0.9	4.32
High Income Tst	300.3	318.3●	-7.5	4.08
Equity Income	171.5	181.8	-3.8	4.11
High Yield	175.3	185.8	-3.5	4.69
Govt Secs Trust	30.0	31.2●	-0.4	7.82
International	101.2	107.8	-2.3	0.97
Japan Fund	130.8	139.3	-1.4	0.01
Pacific Trust	210.5	224.2	-2.4	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	69.5	74.3●	-2.5	1.39
Secs Of Amer Tst	221.8	236.2	-11.7	0.46
Ald Asset Value	284.1	301.1	-5.9	2.86
Conv & Gilt Trust	40.4	42.8c	-0.4	8.51
Smaller Co's	173.2	183.6	-1.3	2.37
2nd Smaller Co's	216.5	229.5●	-0.8	1.74
Recovery Trust	103.3	109.5	-2.1	2.37

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North American	62.5	66.6	-2.1	1.29
Orient	60.2	66.0	-1.4	0.39
Exempt	280.2	308.6	-6.6	2.05
Recovery	66.5	70.7	-2.1	1.16
German	31.3	33.3	+0.8	0.40
Technology	135.1	144.7	-2.5	0.39
Europe	23.3	25.1●	+0.2	0.75

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	63.6	67.7●	..	2.15
General Inc (4)	290.7	312.5	..	1.76
Do Accum (4)	481.1	503.3	..	1.76
Income Fund (3)	128.3	134.1	..	4.10
Do Accum (3)	223.3	230.6	..	4.10
Intl Inc (2)	148.8	156.3●	-2.5	1.36
Do Accum (2)	198.9	208.4●	-3.3	1.36
Smaller Inc (5)	85.3	90.3s	..	1.06
Do Accum	91.7	97.0s	..	1.06

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	97.0	103.2	+0.3	0.49

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	360.5	370.9	-5.5	2.53
Income	412.0	438.0	-6.0	3.84
Far East	246.8	261.2●	-0.4	0.22
North American	166.2	175.8c	-5.9	0.80
Global	53.8	57.5●	-1.4	0.59
European	52.3	55.5	..	0.98
Japan	58.6	62.0	-1.0	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	436.4	463.7c	-11.8	1.54
Income	345.5	367.7c	-14.9	4.51
North American	318.9	339.3●	-7.0	0.74

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	478.75	●	..	3.95
Fixed Int	143.35		..	9.99
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-600 6022

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	67.6	71.5	.	0.80

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	443.48		..	4.40
Accum	£13.2437		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	184.8	195.7c	-2.1	2.87
Do Income	157.7	167.7c	-1.8	2.87
Higher Inc Accum	318.9	339.2c	-2.7	3.85
Do Income	252.0	268.0c	-2.1	3.85
Gilt/Fixed Accum	105.7	111.2●	-1.4	8.19
Do Income	85.1	89.5●	-1.2	8.19
Nth Amer Tst Accum	153.2	162.9c	-0.8	0.80
Far East Tst Accum	178.8	190.2c	-4.5	0.80
Euro Tst Accum	168.6	179.5	+2.4	0.66
General Trust	286.2	304.4●	-3.9	2.85

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smaller Co's	76.7	81.5	-1.0	0.18
Capital Fund	123.7	131.6●	-1.0	0.16
UK Income Fund	89.8	95.6●	-0.8	4.14
Far Eastern Fund	78.2	83.2	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Income	73.1	78.9	-1.1	3.85
Fixed Interest	61.8	65.9	-0.8	9.84
Natural Res Fund	68.2	72.8	+1.8	2.37
European Income	84.7	90.2●	+0.5	2.78
Financials Fund	55.1	58.7	-0.2	2.39

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced Gth Inc	61.7	65.6●	-1.3	1.40
Do Accum	63.2	67.2●	-1.1	..
Income Gth Inc	62.4	65.7	-0.7	5.30
Do Accum	63.1	66.7	-0.7	..
Service Co's Inc	69.3	73.7	-1.3	1.00
Do Accum	70.4	74.9	-1.3	..
Higher Inc	28.8	30.6	-0.4	7.00
Do acc	29.0	30.9	-0.1	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	117.1	124.6	-3.6	0.81
Amer Equity Income	34.5	36.8	-0.8	3.80
Amer Special Sits	64.4	68.6	-1.2	0.01
Australia	41.5	44.0	+1.7	1.89
European	51.1	54.1	+0.4	..
European Inc	24.0	25.4	..	3.84
Global Conv	24.2	25.7	..	5.00
Far East Inc	38.9	41.2	+0.1	3.61
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.0	●	-0.2	9.34
Growth & Income	120.2	127.9	-1.2	3.65
Japan Special Sits	52.4	55.8●	-1.1	..
Japan	151.3	161.4	-3.5	..
Managed Intl	153.3	163.1●	-3.0	0.12
Max Income Equity	107.1	114.0●	-0.9	3.91
Professional Gth	41.6	44.5	-0.6	1.66
South East Asia	48.2	51.3	..	0.14
Special Sits	232.1	247.0	-1.8	[illegible]

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Exempt	£392.0	398.8●	-16.3	[illegible]
Japan Exempt	£487.9	497.0	-1.8	[illegible]
Am Property Tst	$10000.0			[illegible]

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	65.2	69.4	-0.6	5.15
N Amer Trust	118.4	128.0●	-4.2	0.71
Recovery	280.6	298.5	-6.5	2.40
Gilt Trust	38.7	41.1●	-0.7	8.79
St Vincent Inc	102.7	108.9●	-1.6	4.88
St Vincent US Gth	73.9	78.1●	-3.0	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	240.2	283.4	[illegible]	2.80
Euro Gth Tst	48.9	51.3●	+0.7	0.80

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International Trust	38.5	42.0	-0.6	0.60
American	35.7	37.9	-0.6	2.00
Japan	48.6	52.7	..	0.02
Trust of Inv	35.8	38.3●	-0.5	1.90

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	232.7	245.5	-4.9	1.12
Do Accum	273.2	288.2	-5.7	1.12
Amer Recovery	261.5	276.5	-5.8	0.13
Do Accum	288.0	304.5	-5.8	0.10
Am Smaller Co Acc	61.5	64.9	-1.4	0.13

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH
041 221 9252

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	124.4	132.8	-2.4	3.27
European	263.3	281.0	-0.2	2.89
Smaller Cos	282.6	301.6	-4.0	1.84

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
NPI UK	260.7	288.8	-5.3	2.70

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Return Units	231.9	248.7	-5.0	3.58
High Yield Units	202.3	215.2c	-8.9	4.03
Income Units	113.9	121.1●	-1.9	4.71
Investment Trust	108.7	115.6	-1.8	2.26
Japan Growth	108.2	115.1	+0.7	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	121.9	129.6	+0.1	0.00
Masterfund	34.5	36.8	-0.4	2.45
Scotbits	153.7	163.5	-5.7	2.85
Scotshares	188.0	200.0	-2.2	2.61
Scotyields	189.4	201.4●	-4.8	3.81
Select International	93.5	99.4	-1.3	1.47
Smaller Co's Inc	208.3	222.84	-4.7	3.82
Special Situations	127.1	135.2	-2.0	1.23
UK Equity	218.2	232.1	-5.5	2.57

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Selected Opps Inc	82.9	88.1●	..	1.54
Do Accum	92.0	97.8●	..	1.54
Natural Res	68.6	72.9●	..	1.32
Do Accum	71.6	76.1●	..	1.32

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eagle	74.3	78.7	-0.7	1.06
Australian	27.0	28.6	+0.2	0.10
Commodity	108.5	115.0	-0.2	0.78
Equity	161.0	171.0	-3.2	2.87
European Spec Sits	122.6	120.8	+0.7	0.84
Extra Income	138.0	146.7●	-1.7	5.96

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Snt Dtd Gilt Fund	72.4	73.6c	-0.2	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	$52.2	52.4	-0.1	..
Challenger	51.3	51.6	+0.2	2.00

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01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	63.1	67.2	-2.8	5.81
Income	72.1	76.8	-1.6	3.76
Growth	73.6	78.3	-1.4	1.54

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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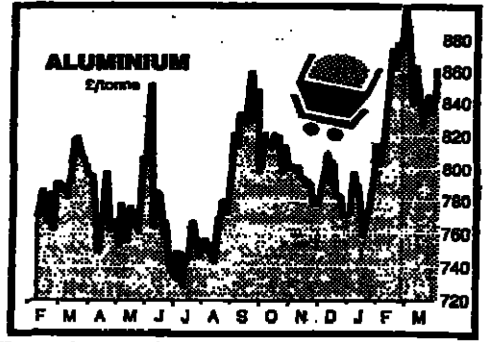


The stocks of Aluminium held by the LME dropped by 9675 tonnes to 107300 tonnes in the figures released on Monday. This news had largely been discounted by a sharp rise in prices on Friday. It did however add to the markets firmer tone and increased the backwardation to £53. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Apr	103-105.0
May	96.00-97.0
Vol	29

GAS OIL

Apr	150.25-50.00
May	149.00-48.75
Jun	148.25-48.00
Jul	149.00-48.00
Aug	152.00-47.50
Sep	151.00-49.00
Oct	150.00-50.00
Nov	153.25-50.00
Dec	160.00-50.00
Vol	3732

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

May	151.6-51.4
Aug	156.0-55.6
Oct	159.0-58.6
Dec	163.6-62.0
Mar	169.0-68.0
May	172.0-70.0
Vol	1568

COCOA

Mar	Expired
May	1300-99
Jul	1327-26
Sep	1349-47
Dec	1375-74
Mar	1400-98
May	1421-19
Vol	1378

COFFEE

Mar	Expired
May	1273-270
Jul	1283-281
Sep	1306-304
Nov	1328-326
Jan	1357-353
Mar	1380-370
Vol	2236

SOYABEAN

Jun	115.0-14.0
Aug	110.7-10.0
Oct	111.0-10.0
Dec	112.0-11.5
Feb	118.0-17.0
Apr	117.0-16.5
Vol	216

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	948.00-950.00
Three Months	898.00-900.00
Vol	11050
Tone	Firm

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	872.00-877.00
Three Months	880.00-885.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	308.00-309.00
Three Months	301.50-302.00
Vol	850
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	474.00-475.00
Three Months	301.50-302.00
Vol	650
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	389.00-391.00
Three Months	400.00-401.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	389.00-391.00
Three Months	400.00-401.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Quiet

ALUMINIUM

Cash	868.00-870.00
Three Months	810.00-810.50
Vol	1300
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2330-2340
Three Months	2345-2355
Vol	120
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 31

GB: Cattle, 95.75p per kg lw (-0.39)
GB: Sheep 229.61p per kg* (+19.65)
GB: Pigs, 79.50p per kg lw (+0.23)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 6.0 %, ave. price, 94.91p(-0.13)
Sheep nos. down 8.0 %, ave. price, 231.96p(+20.48)
Pig nos. down 0.7 %, ave. price, 79.49p(+0.26)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 8.1 %, ave. price, 97.79p(-1.42)
Sheep nos. down 33.2 %, ave. price, 217.70p(+13.28)
Pig nos. up 9.8 %, ave. price, 79.52p(+0.08)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	99.40	100.5
Jun	96.30	97.30
Aug	95.00	95.20
Oct	98.50	98.50
		Vol: 29

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	98.50	98.50
Jun	98.50	98.60
Aug	96.00	96.00
Oct	96.00	95.70
		Vol: 10

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	122.15	114.15
Jul	124.15	
Sep	101.15	99.95
Nov	103.30	102.55
Jan	106.05	104.95
Mar	108.55	107.30

Vol: Wheat 506
Barley 73

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	154.60	157.50
May	182.00	179.00
Nov	93.80	93.80
Feb	105.00	102.80
		Vol: 1140

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	1015-1000	1013
Jul 87	855.0-836.0	843.0
Oct 87	910.0-900.0	901.0
Jan 88	895.0-880.0	891.0

Vol: 410 lots Open Intst: 1994
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
881.5 up 0.5 on 30/3/87

After Big Bang, the big changes

There was a time when the only contact of companies with their accountants was when the auditors arrived to pore solemnly over the ledgers and check whether anyone had put his hand in the till. Now the profession has exploded, and is equally likely to offer clients year-round help with executive recruitment or computing.

Last year was the busiest-ever for the profession because of the stream of huge share flotations, privatizations, take-over battles and Big Bang.

Some observers view these as one-off occurrences and believe the financial world will settle down to getting on with business in a less hectic way. But many accountants are sure that having come out of the closet, they are not going back.

The profession is determined to maintain its high profile, offering services that practitioners 20 years ago would simply not have imagined.

One of the vital issues is whether there is any conflict between accountants' traditional roles as independent auditors and purveyors of objective financial advice and their new part in offering their own business and investment services.

Senior figures in the profession are fond of advocating "Chinese walls", invisible barriers between employees in different functions so that an auditor would not pass on confidential information gained in the course of his or her work to a colleague advising on, say, investment.

Perversely, financial deregulation in Britain is producing a crop of new regulatory bodies. Accountants are now buttressing their Chinese walls by negotiating supervision of investment services and audits to add to the licensing arrangements just instituted for bankrupt work.

The new vistas have made the profession more attractive for graduates; increased demand has pushed up salaries, so that though trainees start on £8,000, rising to about £14,000 on qualification, established accountants earn a very comfortable living. There are even rumours of a few earning six-figure sums with merchant banks.

David Carter, head of corporate financial services at Peat Marwick, said: "The high stool and the quill pen existed when I joined accountancy 25 years ago. There were no photocopiers and calculations were done on mechanical Facit rather than on an electronic calculator or a computer.

"The change has been massive and there is no doubt the accounting profession has responded. One of our strengths is our stability — we can survive change."

He sees the professional's role as that of an honest broker, providing expert and impartial financial advice in take-over battles and the like and supporting merchant banks, rather than trying to take on their role.

Mr Carter says that though competition between firms has sharpened with the introduction of advertising in 1985, it is still considered unethical for a big partnership called in to give advice on, say, computing to use this as an opportunity to grab the client's audit work too.

The profession is keen to maintain its high profile now it is out of the closet

Today Peat Marwick McLintock becomes the world's biggest accountancy firm in the UK. It has been created out of the world-wide merger between Peat Marwick and Klynveld Main Goerdler, the Dutch-based accountancy organization that includes Thomson McLintock, the UK accountancy firm.

The new group will have a combined international income of more than $3 billion and provide it with the muscle to offer the increasingly demanding and specialized range of accountancy and marketing expertise. As companies have merged and their businesses have crossed international boundaries, so the need has emerged for accountancy firms to be able to offer an international service.

Elwyn Eilledge, senior partner in Ernst & Whinney, believes the big accountancy firms are among the most-undervalued businesses in the country with probably the greatest growth potential in the whole service sector.

He said: "If any group is going to emerge from the inevitable fall-out of Big Bang with its position reinforced and its reputation enhanced, it is going to be accounts."

The big accountancy groups have expanded their services over the years to meet the long-term needs of their clients; those needs, he believes, will continue whatever happens in the currently booming financial markets.

"We have become increasingly useful to the companies we serve," Mr Eillidge said. "Not only do we audit their books, but we can help them run their businesses efficiently and profitably in as many ways as possible.

"We need to recruit good people ourselves, so why should we not do so for our clients? And I think a very good case could be made for advising on clients' pension funds or other investment-management activities — just so long as we are careful to avoid any question of a conflict of interest."

Is this not poaching on the preserves of other professions? Mr Eilledge said: "I am not pretending that an accountant is some kind of financial superman, but it is undeniable that financial discipline is fundamental to any business and there is a natural evolution from checking whether someone's money is added up correctly and helping him earn as much as possible."

But traditional audit work remains most firms' bread and butter. Accountants are quick to point out that they are unlikely to risk that by offering the client unsatisfactory service in their other, newer, functions.

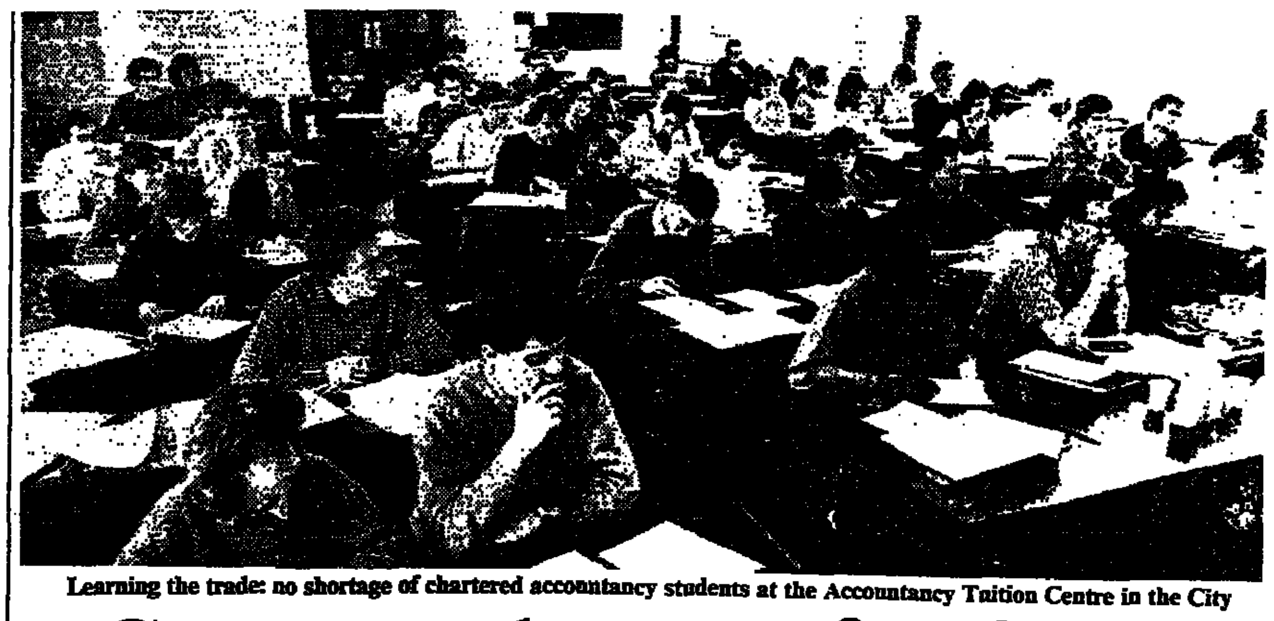
Mr Eilledge does not, however, see accountants going so far as to offer their own loans to clients.

The profession is governed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and associated bodies in Scotland and Ireland, responsible for training and supervising conduct.

Founded by royal charter just over a century ago, the institute's membership has grown with the services offered by accountants. Since the war it has quadrupled to 85,000 members, with 11,500 in Scotland and 5,500 in Ireland.

The profession, which started in auditing, grew to dominate tax and insolvency work and various firms now offer everything from computing and management services to recruitment consultancy, unlisted securities work and even marketing services.

Anna Healy Fenton



Learning the trade: no shortage of chartered accountancy students at the Accountancy Tuition Centre in the City

Career path starts for 6,000

The road to becoming a chartered accountant is paved with study, work, examinations, and more study. But it is a path that one in 10 graduates in the UK, or at least 6,000 people, entering full-time employment for the first time readily tread every year. And it is a profession that is becoming increasingly popular with women.

Chartered accountants rarely find themselves out of work. Starting salaries, depending on the size of the firm, may be modest at an average £8,000 (to which should be added the cost of training time and study fees, paid for by the parternships), but the sky can be the limit, with senior partners easily commanding £100,000 a year.

Scratch the board of any public company, and you will find a CA — because the training is the businessman's equivalent of National Service.

Today's CA is no mere book-keeper, which is why City partnerships pay increasing attention to training programmes, and select their candidates with care.

According to Ian Du Pre, national recruitment partner at Deloitte Haskins & Sells, one of the largest accountancy practices in Britain, you do not automatically have to be a wizard at mathematics, though it helps.

Ideally, candidates for the profession should have strong communication and analytical skills, and an ability to deal with people at all levels, and have common sense, and be able to persuade.

Initial qualifications needed before entering a training contract, formerly known as articles, are either a degree, or for non-graduates the successful completion of a one-year accountants' foundation course, taken at an approved polytechnic.

Once you have been accepted for training by an accounting firm, it usually takes three years to qualify for the ultimate accolade of having the initials ACA (Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants), a world-wide recognized title, behind your name.

Courses today involve real case studies

The training is thorough, and varied, because the business world in 1987 demands much. Trainees are schooled not only to understand figures, but also to understand business itself. That takes in every aspect — taxation, company law, budgeting and business planning — and prepares the qualified CA to run anything from a small shop up to an industrial giant; in other words, to become an effective manager in his own right.

Today's training methods for tomorrow's accountants are far from previous practices. The emphasis today is not only on dry bookwork, but also on practical problems and real case studies, with many of the larger firms having their own in-house tailored training programmes embracing all modern-day forms of communications — videos and conferences, for example, continually complemented by commercial tutoring.

However, within the profession itself there is a controversy about how students should actually be trained. A Green Paper recently issued by the professional body, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), is still very much in open debate.

The paper, *Effective Education and Training for the 21st Century*, airs for discussion two schools of thought. Should training methods change, and if so how?

The present system for educating and training students is that the formal periods of study are spread throughout the length of the training contract.

Thus, in every year, a student usually spends some of the time on a training course in preparation for one of the professional examinations, and in parallel is expected to continue studying during periods of work experience. This is known as the "integrated system".

Under this system, in addition to performing client assignments, students spend several hours every week doing work set by their commercial tutors.

Several firms have recently explored alternative schemes for educating and training ICAEW students because, they argue, alternating the periods of study and work disrupts students and firms. This in turn reduces continuity with clients, and therefore increases the costs of staff scheduling and office planning.

Many firms believe that what is known as the "discrete system" is preferable, that is, the system whereby the work and the study periods are split.

Under such a system, all students undertake a period of full-time study following an optional probationary period in the office. Students will then spend at least two years of their time acquiring work experience, and take a final test of professional competence at the end of their training contract.

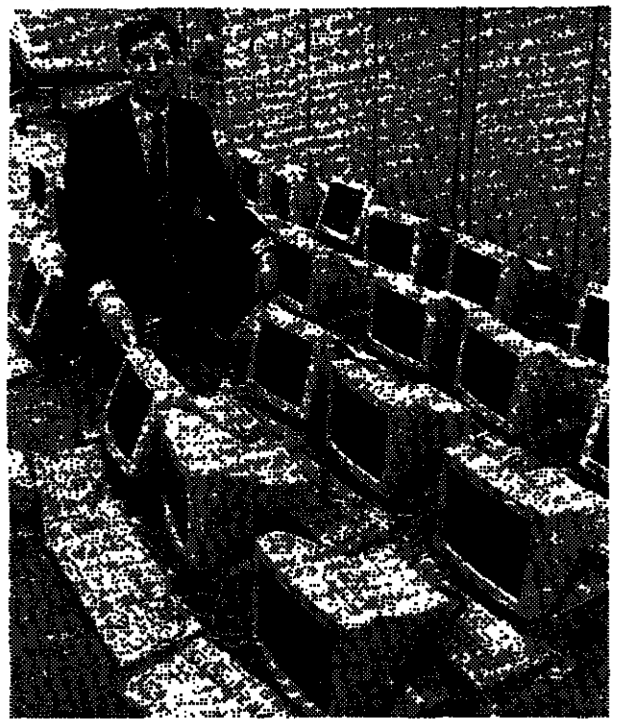
The alternative is a "sandwich scheme" — continuous periods of work experience interspersed with continuous periods of full-time study.

Ivor Benveniste, training director of chartered accountants Levy Gee, who has been involved in a research project at the University of Essex on the training of future chartered accountants, believes the current method, whereby the formal periods of study are spread throughout the period of the training, does not adequately test the skills and competence required of a modern-day chartered accountant. In addition, a student's oral communication skills are not properly examined.

He advocates the discrete system, where work and study come in blocks. However, a final decision about how best to change training methods looks like being a long way off, especially as the cost factor which some of the smaller firms may not easily be able to bear, has to be taken into account.

However, Mr Benveniste says the best ideas should be combined from the current debate about a sandwich scheme or a front-end-loaded education system if the profession is properly to perform its role in the next century.

Colin Campbell



Dealing with 'a key area': computer-conscious Geoff Smart

How high finance is entering the age of high tech

The quill pen is dead, long live the computer — this is today's slogan from a profession that increasingly is dragging itself into the age of information technology.

Although Dickensian practices may be dead, it is only in the larger firms that full use is being made of the expensive paraphernalia of modern technology. In small accountants' offices it would be unusual to find anything more than a word-processor and a copier.

The large companies of auditors, however, have adopted technology in a big way. One City man commented: "The first thing they do before setting out to a client's premises is load the micros into the back of the estate car."

Andrew Oakley, a partner in Ernst & Whinney and chairman of the IT Group of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, believes the profession is now becoming widely regarded as highly innovative in its use of technology.

"Many firms have been using computers for some time and they are now beginning to be used for multi-location audits," he says.

"This is in part a reaction to the competitive environment. But computerization is not just a cost-cutting exercise; it results not so much in reduced prices but in better value for money and a better product."

Mr Oakley admits that accountancy is "a very traditional profession" and although the IT message is spreading, full use is being made of the available technology only by "the interested tip".

So far, about 1,000 of the institute's 80,000 members (of which about two-thirds are in practice) have taken advantage of the organization's discount scheme for purchases of IT equipment, and a large number of members have registered for British Telecom electronic mailboxes under a scheme approved by the institute.

The latter provides electronic communications and computerized information tailored specifically to the needs of chartered accountants. As well as the usual Telecom mailbox access, institute members are able to access information directly covering financial data on about 60,000 UK companies and EEC and government assistance schemes.

Growing trend of larger firms

There is also a regular bulletin of general and technical data, details of computer hardware and software discounts and forthcoming courses and conferences.

It all points to the growing trend among the larger firms of becoming more than auditors of company accounts and selling themselves as specialists in information technology. Geoff Smart, of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, stresses that 50 per cent of his firm's UK income comes from non-audit activities.

The firm employs 200 information technology and computer security specialists and claims to be the largest of its kind.

Mr Smart explains: "In the majority of cases we will access data through software that is controlled from terminals based at clients' premises. But a growing number of clients are connected through our own terminals."

In Deloitte's case, accountants can gain once-only access to a client's computer with a pass word, and if they need further information later they must have their access reauthorized. In this way, it is claimed, the accountant becomes more efficient while the client maintains security.

Mr Smart adds: "We all recognize that this is a key area. Our clients depend to such an enormous extent on the security of their computer systems and they look to their auditors to warn them of potential problems. They expect them to understand the role that IT and telecommunications is playing.

"If you are not able to provide that input, then you are not going to be seen by clients as providing a particularly constructive accountancy process."

Many accountancy firms entering the world of IT have found there is a huge demand for knowledge of what is on offer. Hodgson Impey, for example, implemented its own computerization programme and discovered a number of clients who wanted data-processing techniques to handle their internal accounting procedures and subsequently a demand was spotted for potential independent customers for expert advice on the use of IT.

Martin Bevan, computer consultancy manager at Hodgson Impey, says computerization has already proved itself with substantial savings in cost and time by the end of the 1985-86 year.

Using microcomputers, one Hodgson office was able to create from scratch a database of banks, building societies, stockbrokers and underwriters relevant to particular tax clients. Using the database, the firm was able "easily and cost-effectively" to address 1,500 financial institutions with personalized letters to gather the essential information for end-of-year accounts production.

The firm now has more than 50 micro-computers in the southern area and is installing them in a further 13 offices in the North and Scotland.

Mr Bevan says that acceptability of computers within the firm has been a major breakthrough: "Users have realized that they are not just toys or tools just for the specialist data-processing manager."

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES: ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP AT DECEMBER 31, 1986

Age	Partner in practice		Employed in a practice		In commerce or industry		Other		Total	
	Home	Overseas	Home	Overseas	Home	Overseas	Home	Overseas	Home	Overseas
Under 36	3,439	257	9,304	1,462	8,413	1,793	3,881	520	25,037	4,032
36-45	7,690	840	1,874	340	10,495	2,652	1,177	451	21,236	4,283
46-55	4,430	544	479	77	6,077	1,395	729	253	11,715	2,269
56-65	2,335	206	379	27	2,470	397	424	114	5,608	744
66+	768	67	144	10	333	71	108	40	1,353	188
Total	18,662	1,914	12,180	1,916	27,788	6,308	6,319	1,378	64,949	11,516
Retired members									7,320	758
									72,269	12,274
Total membership										84,543

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Fears over toeing the Europe line

Accountants have responded with vigour to the Department of Trade and Industry's proposals on the regulation of auditors. Now it is up to the Government, in the person of Michael Howard, the minister for corporate and consumer affairs, to act.

Within the next few months, depending on election-timing, the Government has to proceed towards legislation based on the European Community's eighth company law directive.

The directive requires minimum educational and training standards for auditors and, more *importantly*, appropriate legal safeguards to ensure the independence of auditors.

The response of the Government, which under EEC rules has to be before the end of the year, is likely to emerge in the form of an Accountancy Bill, to become law by the beginning of 1990.

Rotation every five years

One possibility for inclusion in this wider Bill is incorporation, and consequent limited liability, for accountancy firms.

In its consultative paper, *The Regulation of Auditors, Implementation of the EC Eighth Company Law Directive*, published last August, the Department of Trade and Industry set a number of hares running on the regulation of auditors. Among the *ideas* floated was that of rotation of auditors once every five years.

Companies would retain their auditors for a five-year period under this proposal but would be required at the end of the period to appoint new auditors. This would ensure, it is argued, that auditors do not get too close to the companies they are auditing.

It is a suggestion that has not gone down well within the profession. "The key word is compulsory," said Keith Woodley, a partner at Deloitte Haskins & Sells. "Clients can change auditors if they wish to do so. Our experience is that relationships develop and hold up over a long period and that this is very constructive, very helpful."

Accountants are also dubious about any benefits that would accrue from regularly changing auditors.

"Rotation would lead to a reduction in quality," said Harold Cottam, a partner at Ernst & Whinney. "You need continuity to build your skills, particularly in areas such as the banking industry. And we would all spend a lot of time and effort looking for new business. Costs would rise."

The evidence is that audit difficulties tend to arise in new client situations rather than with established auditors. And, as the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales pointed out in its submission to the Department of Trade and Industry, fixed five-year audit terms could lead to lowering of standards as auditors approach the end of their term.

Another important idea floated in the consultative paper has hardly fared better with the profession. This was that auditors should not be involved in other work, such as consultancy.

The Department of Trade and Industry itself recognized that preventing auditors from offering other services could have wide-ranging and possibly damaging effects.

"A blanket prohibition . . . would have such an impact, both on the profession and on client companies, particularly small companies, that the cure might be thought to be worse than the disease," the consultative document said.

Apt response to public concern

Indeed, most of the big accounting firms have not even examined the possibility of splitting off audit functions into separately run companies. "The idea of splitting off the audit function is one that is fraught with problems," said Keith Woodley, of Deloitte.

As with compulsory rotation of audit work, the accountancy profession argues that forced separation of audit from other work would be using a very large sledgehammer to crack a nut.

If there was pressure for auditors to become more independent, this would come through from client companies. But a survey by Price Waterhouse, published last month, showed that the vast majority of companies saw no reason for the restriction of advisory services provided by auditors to clients. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland found that 92 per cent of companies polled thought auditors should be allowed to provide additional services.

The final broad area in which the Government has to move is on the supervisory framework for auditing. The two options favoured within the profession are either for self-regulation under the auspices of a new statutory General Audit Council, or for a grouping of the main accountancy institutes into a self-regulatory authority.

Touche Ross first put forward the proposal for such a council and has been supported by, among others, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

According to Touche Ross, the setting-up of a General Audit Council would be an appropriate response to public concern and would be in the *long-term interests of the* profession.

Others such as Deloitte, Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse argue for a merger of the four professional institutes into a single self-regulatory authority.

The Scottish and Irish Institutes of Chartered Accountants would see such a move as a loss of independence, any such body being dominated by the ICA in England and Wales. But everyone may be required to make some sacrifices in the new era.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Man with a mission: Sir Kenneth Berrill wants regulatory bodies to watch over all areas

The move to lay down the same rules for all

It will soon be a crime to offer investment services without a licence, and few accountancy practices can claim they are never involved in such work.

Even a firm offering tax advice is likely at some stage to advise on minimizing the liability on investments — and thus risk breaking the law. For this reason all accountants are being advised to seek registration under the 1986 Financial Services Act.

The accountants' professional bodies are among the organizations negotiating with the newly created Securities and Investments Board with a view to taking responsibility for their own members' conduct of financial services.

Among the requirements of the board, chaired by Sir Kenneth Berrill, a former academic with government "think tank" and Stock Exchange experience, will be common standards for professionals, whether they are peddling stocks, shares, commodities or life assurance.

The aim is to have satellite regulatory bodies for every area of the market in operation by the end of the year. They will be charged with making sure their practitioners meet minimum financial requirements, operate some form of compensation scheme, are competent and of good character.

Regular checks will ensure that licensees offer good advice — not merely aimed at securing the fattest commission for themselves — disclose any conflict of interest and comply with rules on advertising and sales methods.

Proposed rules could cramp style

To enforce this, an arsenal of weapons will be available, including revoking licences, issuing public or private rebukes, restricting or freezing a firm's activities, demanding monthly accounts and reporting crime to the police and Department of Trade and Industry.

Precise details of the code of conduct are still under negotiation, with a particular bone of contention the issue of "polarization". Sir Kenneth thinks that firms should make clear whether they offer just one company's products or the full range, so clients can judge whether they will receive impartial advice. Banks and building societies believe that the proposed rules, which apply to unit trusts and life assurance, would cramp their style.

The board considers that the combined effect of its rules will be to safeguard consumers, particularly in previously unregulated fields such as commodities futures and the sale of life assurance by persons other than brokers.

Christopher Morgan, a partner in Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, commented: "The Act will dramatically affect the marketing and distribution of life assurance, unit trusts and pension products through company representatives and independent intermediaries. All will need to rethink their strategies for survival and development.

"Auditors are going to have to play a constructive role and will need to have not only a good understanding of the businesses of their clients, but a detailed knowledge of the legislation and the rules of the regulatory bodies.

"It is fair to say that the problems of City regulation are 20 per cent ethical, that is in the field of human conduct, and 80 per cent financial in one sense or other."

Deloittes has gone as far as to set up its own financial regulation unit to advise clients on compliance with the Financial Services Act and related laws.

The cost to the profession of implementing the new law could be anything from £3 million, if accountants have only to register with the Institute, to £20 million if they are forced to deal with a number of regulatory organizations, according to Andrew Jones, a partner at Ernst & Whinney.

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A role to play in City mergers

David Carter: 'advisers'

The £25 billion avalanche of take-overs and mergers in the City last year saw accountants taking a more prominent role than ever before, leading some commentators to wonder whether they were challenging the traditional function of merchant banks.

Most accountants, however, dismiss this suggestion, stressing that their role is to provide expert and authoritative financial advice rather than actually lead corporate battles.

Corporate finance has been one of the most spectacular growth areas for accountants. The rapid procession of take-overs, management buy-outs, flotations and privatization issues is providing a huge source of work for them.

David Carter, head of corporate financial services for Peat Marwick, said: "Eighteen per cent of our fee income comes from corporate financial services."

He sees the accountant's task as to provide independent financial advice. To lead take-overs, he said, would be "too buccaneering". For instance in a management buyout a consultant can provide objective guidance to both managers and merchant bank, both of whom have money at stake.

"It turns crucially on availability of funds," Mr *Carter said.* "*We are not* a merchant bank, and unlike some of our competitors do not seek to become one. I think that would be a ridiculous market stance."

He believes the profession should limit itself to a subordinate position, supporting merchant banks and using its financial expertise and probity to give guidance rather than acting as a prime mover. Accountants were not prominent in the recent crop of City scandals, he pointed out.

"We have a very high standard of objectivity," said Mr Carter. "It may be that other professions could learn from this ethos."

The Guinness affair provided an unwelcome shock. "Obviously things got hyped-up in a year which provided such a high level of transactions."

But 1987 may be quieter. Management buy-outs peaked last year, take-overs became unfashionable in the wake of the Guinness-Distillers battle, and privatization issues do not provide accountants with a vast amount of work.

Elwyn Eilledge, senior partner with Ernst and Whinney, is bullish about accountants' future in the market.

He said: "Though the merchant banks and other market makers will undoubtedly quickly overcome their problems with new technology, no one can doubt that they live, as the old Chinese curse puts it, in interesting times.

"Some will be immensely profitable but it is a reasonable assumption that many will not. At the risk of sounding vulturine, I suspect that the current lull in the receivership market could be revived in the fall-out from Big Bang — with need for the services of accountants again."

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The case for insurance

Accountants can now face court claims running into hundreds of millions of pounds from disgruntled clients, making professional liability insurance expensive and sometimes difficult to obtain.

The profession believes the problems are caused by an increasingly litigious climate which blew over from the United States, and is pressing the Government — despite a cool response — to set up an inquiry into indemnity insurance for all the professions.

For accountants the cost of cover has risen rapidly in recent years, fuelled by the increasing risk of being sued for negligence. In the US some firms advertise their lack of indemnity insurance to discourage potential lawsuits, because if they cannot pay, there is no point in suing.

Now, with so-far unsuccessful attempts to extract nine-figure claims from British accountancy firms, there is, in some sectors of the market, a shortage of capacity at any price.

Because the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales believes that other professions such as surveyors, architects and even, for example, racehorse vets could face similar problems, it is asking the Department of Trade and Industry to think again about instituting an inquiry.

Charles Cox, of the insurers Bowring Professional Indemnity , said: "We have seen premiums which are gigantic of up to 20 per cent of fees. It is clearly insupportable." But he said it was difficult to see how an inquiry could come up with common measures to help all the professions.

For most accountancy firms cover is available at a price, usually two to three times fee income for a premium of about 5 per cent of gross fee income, and with patience, indemnities of even £20 million have been arranged.

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The Old Lady draws up her guidelines

The accountancy profession is now undergoing the biggest overhaul of *its disciplinary* system in its history, but its professional institutions seem likely to continue to exercise a large part of the regulatory responsibility.

Already the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales licenses insolvency practitioners and is negotiating for the right to authorize members to deal in financial services.

Now the Bank of England's committee on auditing is drawing up guidelines to regulate that aspect of the profession's work, which will demand that malpractices discovered during an audit are reported direct to the appropriate authority.

Auditors view this development with trepidation, fearing they will be regarded as "squealers" and their relationship with their clients jeopardized.

Under the changes heralded by the Banking Bill, fraud, incompetence and breakdowns in management or accounting systems will no longer be covered by a duty of confidentiality and will have to be reported direct to the appropriate authority.

"We are hoping that sensible guidance will prevent too much harm to the relationship with clients," said Brian Singleton-Green, secretary of the institute's parliamentary and law committee. "It should only be in exceptional circumstances that a report is made direct to the supervisory body."

Britain is also under pressure from the EEC to introduce active monitoring of auditors' work and the institute's favoured method is for legislation to give it this role. The alternative is for some separate authority, perhaps like the General Medical Council, to be established. At the moment the institute supervises training and issues *practising certificates to established* accountants.

Discipline is undertaken only in response to complaints. An investigation committee, a disciplinary committee and an appeals committee, which include outside members such as lawyers, can mete out fines, strike members off or remove their practising certificates for professional misconduct.

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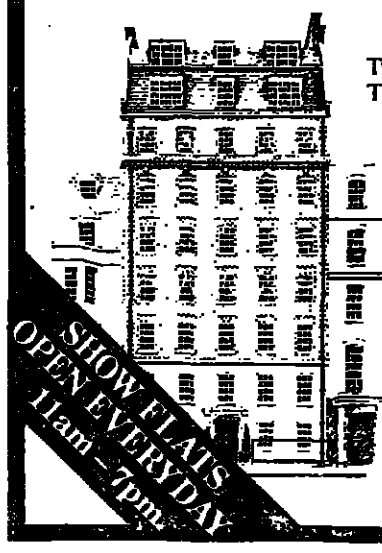
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Houses of the righteous

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The Rev Rowland Hill, a radical preacher who lived from 1744 to 1833, remarked with feeling that he did not see any reason why the Devil should have all the good tunes. Perhaps some of the hymns could not compete with their secular equivalents, but the Church that he represented was certainly able to counter with the houses of the righteous.

He was born at Hawkstone Park, Shropshire, son of the 1st baronet Sir Rowland Hill, and was therefore used to a comfortable home; the clergy had for centuries been housed as the important people they were.

Today they tend to be rehoused in purpose-built three-bedroom and four-bedroom detached houses, with office, as the large vicarages and rectories of yore fall into disrepair because there is not enough money to *keep the Devil from* infiltrating with rising damp and dry rot.

These fine houses have therefore been either demolished, particularly in the cities, or sold to those who can afford to restore and maintain them, and these provide a steady supply on to the market throughout the country.

The palace of Bishop William of Wykeham

Less usual are the former homes of bishops, of which two are now for sale. The Palace House in Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, is a Georgian Grade II* *listed house dating from the 17th* and 18th centuries, with the ruins of a bishop's palace in the grounds.

The palace was built by Henry de Blois, younger brother of King Stephen, in the 12th century, but it was dismantled by Henry II later in the century and most of the surviving work dates from the 15th century when Bishop William of Wykeham was in occupation. It was badly damaged in the Civil War, and today only the ruins remain, listed as an ancient monument and administered by English Heritage, although the owners of The Palace House have the right of free access.

The house has two reception rooms, a *study, seven bedrooms and three bath*rooms, with a "great deal of further potential", according to the agents, and a one-bedroom cottage annexe. Within the grounds of more than nine acres, of which four are let, is a Grade II listed granary and outbuildings. The joint agents Savills and Austin Wyatt, of Bishop's Waltham, are asking £350,000.

Stadbury Manor, near Kingsbury, south Devon, was mentioned in the Domesday Book and was once the home of Walter de Stapledon (born 1260), Bishop of Exeter, later Lord High Treasurer of England and founder of Exeter College, Oxford. The present ancient manor house, with an Elizabethan heart, is built of local stone and stands in 16 acres of the South Hams countryside with views to the sea.

Pastoral property: The Palace House, which contains the 15th-century ruins of the former Bishop's Palace in its nine acres at Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, is *up for sale at £350,000*

It has five bedrooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, and further attic rooms. There are several outbuildings which have potential for a variety of uses subject to planning consent.

Jackson-Stops & Staff, of Exeter, and Knight Frank & Rutley, of Sherborne, are asking £200,000.

Down the ecclesiastical hierarchy, Finmere Place, on the edge of the village of Finmere, between Bicester and Buckingham, is a former rectory. It dates *mainly from the 1830s,* although *parts of* an earlier house remain. The well-proportioned main rooms include three receptions rooms, eight bedrooms and four bathrooms. Outside there are walled grounds with a heated swimming pool and a tennis court. The grounds of about 18 acres also have a stable block and four loose boxes, and Lane Fox's Banbury office is asking £300,000.

Dorman Reeves' Bath office is selling The Old Vicarage at Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, a Victorian house dating from 1866 – as shown on the rainwater hopper heads – and built of stone, near the fine Norman church in Pilton. It has recently been modernized, but retains its Victorian "wine warmer", a recess behind the dining-room fireplace, and large wine cellars.

The house has three reception rooms, six main bedrooms, and two further bedrooms, and stands in about two acres, which include gardens, a range of outbuildings and an old stone coach house. The asking price is £200,000.

Also in Somerset is The Old Rectory at Bathealton, Taunton, on the edge of the village. This spacious house, set in four acres, has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four further bedrooms. The Taunton office of Strutt & Parker is asking £185,000.

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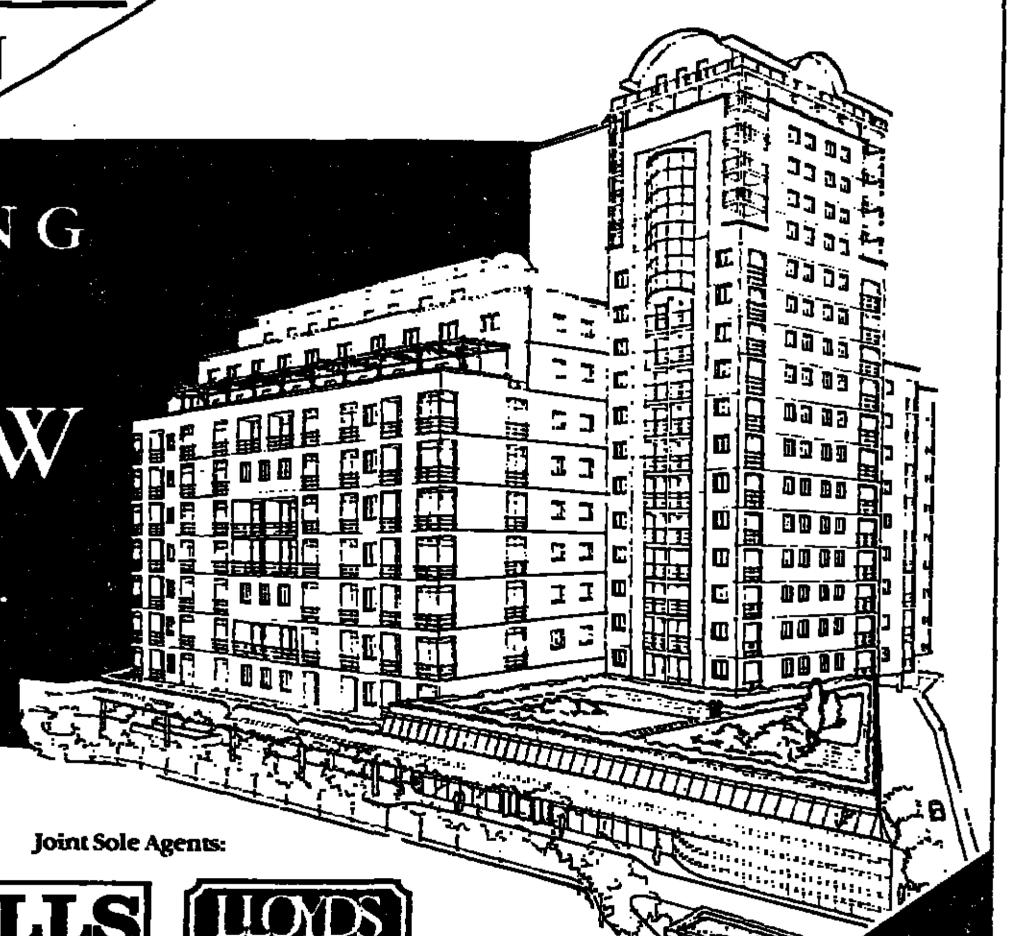

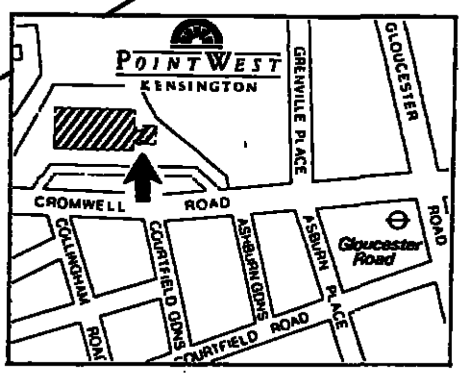

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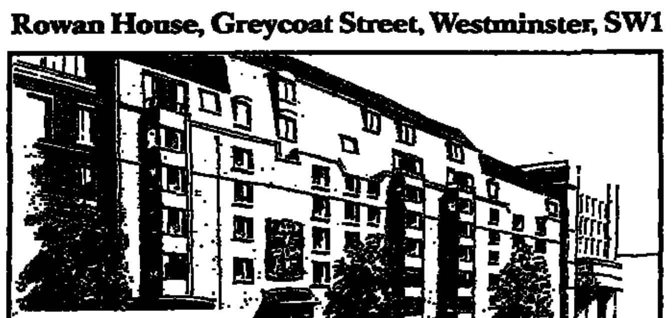
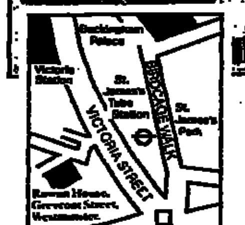
Rowan House, Greycoat Street, Westminster, SW1





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N8 Elegant, spacious, 2 bed flat. Recent conversion, fitted kitch. Gas CH. Roof terr Quiet. Close City. £115,000. 01 950 0737

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GOODGE ST W1 un mod hse, in pretty mews, potential 3 beds, 2 baths, kit, diner, recept. F/H offers invited in the region of £160,000

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Basil St SW3 Stone's throw from Harrods. 2 bed flat, immaculate condition, in prestigious mansion block, long lease, £245,000
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BERYL ROAD W6 Immac 1 bed flat with pretty patio, converted cellar and GCH. Close transport and amenities. £68,000 for quick sale (no chains). 01 748 4693 (Today/eves)

SW1 Superb 1st floor, 4 bed flat in Westminster's most prestigious location overlooking Cathedral. 4 beds, 2 inter communicating receps, kitchen, 2 baths, £315,000 Cooles 01 828 3651

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PARK ROAD Chiswick, W4.
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ST PAUL'S COURT W14 Large bright, top floor 1 bedroom flat Reception, kitchen, bathroom £66.500 01 741 9641

SW1 Pimlico 2 dble bed luxury patio flat Just refurbished GCH. 99 year lease. £139.500 01 674 9168(H) 828 1601(O)

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FULHAM, FH maisonette, lge dble recep 23 x 16, 2 dble beds 16 x 10 & 11 x 10, mod K & B, GCH, 40' sunny garden £115,000 ono Tel 01 381 4305

CONNAUGHT ST W2 Beautifully modernised 3 bedroom 1st floor flat 2 bathrooms Views over square LH 46 years £169.000 Tel 01 723 8971

W9 Garden flat £96.000 Large 1 bed flat with sole 70ft gdn, 21 ft recep, 19ft bed Mod kit & bath 123 yrs Sole Agents Andrew Cowan 01 586 8811

WESTMINSTER SW1 Gracious 1st fl mansion flat 2 receptions, 4 beds, 2 baths, lge kitch, balcony F/H £315.000 Hunter Estates 828 2143/7

WESTMINSTER SW1 Immaculate modernised mansion flat with period character 2 spacious receps. 3 dbl beds. 2 bths super kitch Realistically priced Lse 91 yrs £269.000 Hunter Estates 828 2143/7

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SW7 Mews hse in good cond comprises two 2-bed flts £110,000 & £120,000. studio flat £65,000. dble gge £36,000 To be sold as F/H investment £330,000 or as sep units Holmans 370 6781

KENSINGTON W8 Superb mais with garden & private parking 2 dble beds, 2 baths, lux kit/diner dble recep Must be viewed Lease 99 yrs £259.500 Nelson Hearn 01 937 3811

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EGERTON GDNS SW3 2 dble bed rooms, lge recep with dining area, kit + bath 3rd flr (lift) 29 yrs lse £137,500 Graham Marks 01 581 4105

EVELYN GDNS SW7 Superb newly mod 2nd flr flat Recep with Balc 2 beds, e s bath shower kit incl GCH. 69 yrs £195.000 Holmans 370 6781

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OAKLEY ST SW3 choice of 2 excellent modern flats, quiet with West aspect, on 2nd and 3rd floors. 1 or 2 bedrooms. 88 yrs £120,000 and £155,000
EVELYN GARDENS SW7 Spacious 2 bed 1st floor flat with large recept, newly refurbished, quiet and with use of communal gardens 62 yrs. £240,000
DRAYTON GARDENS SW10 delightful 2 dble bedroom, 2 reception flat, with many period features, bright with space for 2nd bathroom. 125 yrs. £159,500
ONSLOW GARDENS SW7 superb maisonette on the 3rd and 4th floors (lift), in these period stucco fronted building 2 reception rooms 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, use of gardens, 82 yrs £335,000

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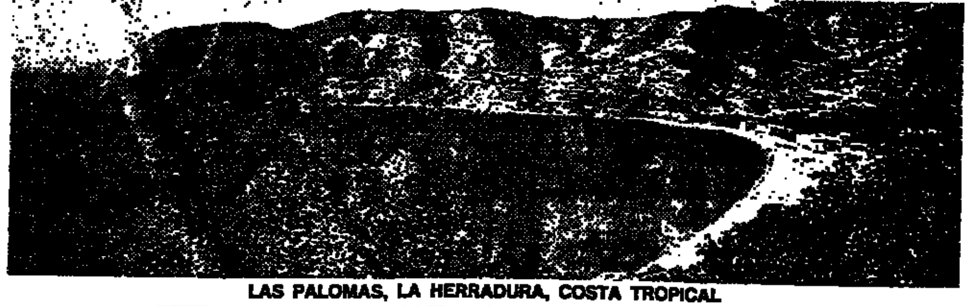

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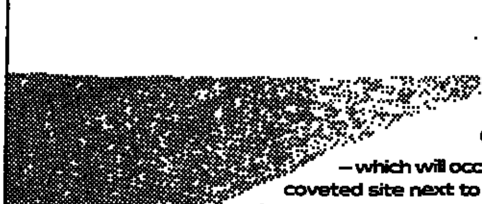

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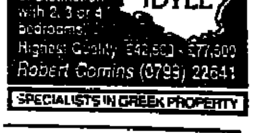

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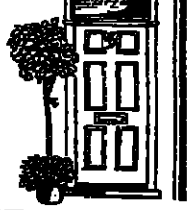

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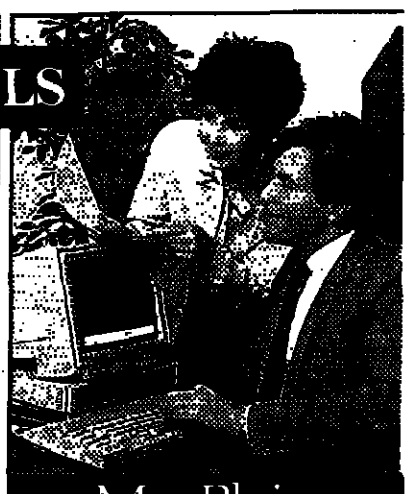

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Offiah steps in to fill void left by Oti for tour to France

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Martin Offiah, the Rosslyn Park wing, who made one appearance for London in the divisional championship last September, receives a chance of student representative honours this month during the England Students's visit to France for a two matches.

Offiah's student credentials were not known earlier in the season, but his fluid running will be an asset to the party, who play a French club XV in Toulouse on April 12 and French Students at Foix on April 15. The opposition for the warm-up game will be known after the next round of the French club championship has been completed.

The tour follows hard on the heels of the student international between Wales and England at Cardiff next Wednesday, but a prior commitment prevents Cambridge students being selected to go to France, which removes the likes of Clough and Oti from contention. Jon Webb, the Bristol University full back who featured in England's senior trial in January, is also unavailable for France because he is preparing for his final medical examinations.

Webb was an original selection for the tour, but the vacancy has now been filled by Paul Reid, the Sheffield Polytechnic centre, which makes it likely that Ralph Kuhn, the Kingston Polytechnic student who has played regularly for London Irish this season, will tour as a full back rather than stand-off half.

John Robins, the former Wales and British Lions prop, will coach the party.

ENGLAND STUDENTS (to tour France): **R Vessey** (Oxford), **M Offiah** (Hampstead College of FE), **J Perkins** (Bristol), **R Rydon** (Oxford), **P Reid** (Sheffield Poly), **C Laity** (South Glamorgan Inst), **W Carling** (Durham U), **R Kuhn** (Kingston Poly), **A Johnson** (Oxford), **M Hancock** (Loughborough), **N Beytell** (St Paul's, Cheltenham), **A Roda** (South Glamorgan Inst), **V Obogu** (Birmingham), **A Mullins** (Durham), **J McFarland** (Sheffield Poly), **M Humphreys-Evans** (Nottingham), **S O'Leary** (St Mary's Hosp), **T Swan** (Liverpool), **M Reid** (Loughborough), **C Sheasby** (King's, London), **C Vyvyan** (RAC Cirencester), **S Holmes** (East Anglia), **A Parker** (London), **C Mantel** (Thames Poly).

● Yorkshire have selected the side that beat North Midlands in the semi-finals to play Middlesex in the final of the Thorn EMI county championship at Twickenham on April 11. It will be the second time in eight days that Mike Harrison leads out a team at headquarters — also captaining England in the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland on Saturday.

The absence of Rob Andrew — another Yorkshire representative — and three of his club colleagues on England duty has persuaded Wasps to de-merit their John Smith's table A game at Nottingham. In addition three international backs, Bailey, Davies and Simms, plus Bonner and Pegler from the forwards, are rested.

YORKSHIRE (v Middlesex): **R Adamson** (Wakefield); **M Harrison** (Wakefield, captain), **J Bentley** (Otley), **J Buckton** (Saracens), **R Underwood** (Leicester); **R Andrew** (Wasps), **D Holmes** (Sheffield); **M Whitcombe** (Bedford), **P Sellar**, **J Rice** (both Hull and East Riding), **S Tipping** (Sale), **G Thompson** (Roundhay), **D Baldwin** (Wakefield), **P Winterbottom** (Headingley), **P Buckton** (Orrell).

Unrest at Exiles

By Chris Thau

The decision of Jeremy Macklin to step down as captain of London Scottish has triggered a series of dramatic events, including the resignation of Alastair McHarg, the coach of the club. Macklin says that McHarg resigned in order to allow the new captain — whose election was discussed by the first XV players last night — to appoint a coach, according to the tradition of the Exiles.

"I am sure he did not want to put pressure on the new captain, so he has decided to step down. Had I continued to be the skipper, no doubt I would have chosen Alastair to be my coach," Macklin, who resigned because of job commitments, said.

There is more to McHarg's decision to quit than what appears to be a normal election procedure. London Scottish have had a particularly poor season. So far they have lost 15 games and won only 11, while their home defeat against Moseley last weekend has relegated them to John Smith's merit table B.

McHarg has been at odds with some club officials since he took over three years ago. The present lean season has fuelled the dispute, providing ammunition for the anti-McHarg faction within the club.

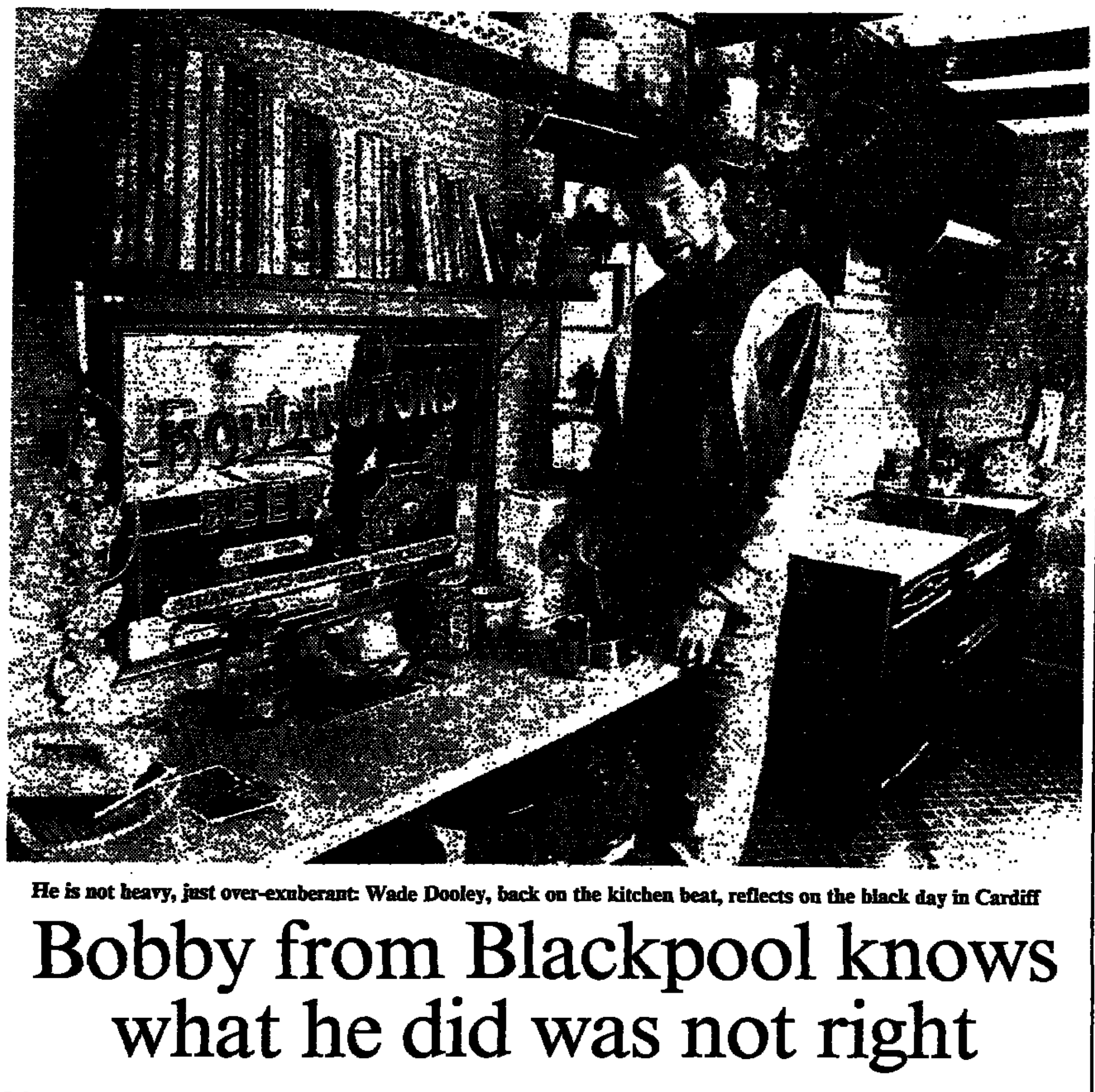
Sevens trophy draw

Rosslyn Park will defend the Sturgis Trophy in the London floodlit sevens tournament on April 22 against the challenge of 11 other teams, including the Public School Wanderers (David Hands writes). The PSW hope to use the tournament, which will be played on Rosslyn Park's ground, as a dress rehearsal for the team that will take part in the Glenlivet Monte Carlo sevens next month.

It is the thirteenth year of the tournament but only the second which has been sponsored by Sturgis and Son, the estate agents firm. Harlequins, who have been so successful in the abbreviated game for the past two years, will undoubtedly use the event to prepare for the Middlesex tournament (the finals of which will be on May 9) and Cambridge University will invariably put in a useful VII.

DRAW: Pool A: Rosslyn Park, Richmond, Durham University. Pool B: Harlequins, London Irish, Saracens. Pool C: Public School Wanderers, Blackheath, Metropolitan Police. Pool D: Cambridge University, London Scottish, Sidcup.

RUGBY UNION: DOOLEY IS READY TO PAY FOR HIS OFFENCE



He is not heavy, just over-exuberant: Wade Dooley, back on the kitchen beat, reflects on the black day in Cardiff

Bobby from Blackpool knows what he did was not right

It is not easy keeping a low profile when you are 6ft 8in tall. It is all the more difficult if you are crowned with a copper's helmet, have just belted the living daylights out of a Welshman. Wade Dooley knows what it is like to be in the public eye.

The right hand with which the giant England second row forward felled Phil Davies, the Welsh No. 8, at Cardiff three weeks ago has rebounded tenfold on Dooley since. First came the brickbats at the post-match banquet on England's surly and shameful conduct, then some of the headline-hunters got in on the act with garish banners of "animals" and "hooligans", and finally the RFU was moved to the unprecedented step of publicly admonishing four players by suspending them for one match. The finger was quite firmly pointed at the quartet of Graham Dawe, Gareth Chilcott, Richard Hill and PC Wade Dooley.

'I was not proud of what went on that day'

A lesser man might have wriggled and whined and defended himself with trite platitudes: "It's a man's game and you give as good as you get" or "I was just sticking up for my team mates". Dooley, though, is anything but a whinger. He accepts quite unreservedly that what he did as a player, and, indeed, as a policeman, was unbecoming and unacceptable and that the punishment was in order.

"I know that what I did was wrong and that the authorities had to take some sort of action to uphold the public image of the game. I don't think any of the players could be proud of what went on that day. I certainly wasn't." The gods have an unfortunate habit of nobbling the wrong man when it comes to deciding our lot. Although undeniably guilty of whacking Davies, Dooley is by nature and by record (and certainly by profession) not a villain. His only sending off was five years ago against Kendal after a skirmish with the opposition lock.

"He was as big as me so I am not a bully either," Dooley said. "I've had letters and calls from all over the country and from as far as New Zealand expressing sympathy as they know my conduct was uncharacteristic.

"I am not making any sort of apologia for aggressive behaviour but I think things have been a bit out of proportion. I've spoken to Phil (Davies) on the phone since and he agrees that even the injury itself has been distorted. It was a hairline fracture rather than a plastic-surgery job. He was back playing last week."

It is not only fellow rugby players who realize that Dooley is not one of the vicious headbanger brigade: his commanding officers in the police force also do. Nine months ago he was made community beat officer in Blackpool, a vitally important liaison role and one which he relishes.

"To walk around the beat with a tall hat on is my idea of the perfect job. My old Dad was a village bobby for 25 years and in a sense that is just what I am — mixing with the local shopkeepers and residents, having a chat and listening to their gripes. It's so much more constructive and rewarding than just nicking people."

Very much the down to earth, homespun lad

Being affable and amenable certainly comes much more naturally to him than anger and aggression. When a group of touring colts from Handsworth RFC besieged him in the clubhouse after Fylde's game with Middlesbrough last Saturday, Dooley gave them more than the perfunctory autograph. He happily chatted and joked for almost an hour and spent 20 shivering minutes outside posing for the same group photograph — 15 times over.

Dooley is very much the down-to-earth, homespun lad, twelve years at Preston Grasshoppers before changing to Fylde this season to team up with his fellow-England international second row, Steve Bainbridge.

It was a move which Dooley openly described as "mercenary" in that he was desperate to make up lost ground after a serious knee injury in last season's International Board centenary game threatened to put him out of the reckoning this year.

Missing Saturday's Calcutta Cup match with Scotland will indeed be a salutary experience for Dooley. He takes great pride in the 12 caps he has already won and still experiences that same sense of zest and wonderment on international weekends as he felt on his unexpected debut against Romania two years ago an occasion he recalled with childlike enthusiasm in *Rugby World* a couple of months later.

It is a wonderful thing to play rugby for England

"Here was I, Wade Dooley, of Preston Grasshoppers, about to play my first game for England and as I dashed out on to the pitch it was an experience I will never forget.

"It really is a wonderful thing to be able to say I have played rugby for my country and . . . dreams do come true. Mine certainly did because even in my wildest dreams I never imagined January 1, 1985, would be the day my life changed forever."

Cynics might dismiss the contrite copper's line, but to those who know the man well it would indeed be a great pity if March 7, 1987, were to become a watershed of a much less favourable kind.

Mick Cleary

JUDO

Ceremonial throw will mark the fruition of a dream

By Nicolas Soames

The unbeaten heavyweight champion, Yasuhiro Yamashita, of Japan, will ceremonially throw a British black-belt competitor on his back in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh tomorrow. Everyone will beam approvingly, however, including Prince Philip, for British face will not be at stake.

This will be the inaugural throw on the mat of the High Wycombe Judo Centre, the largest purpose-built judo club in Britain and the fulfilment of one man's 20-year-old dream. John O'Brien is a Fleet Street plate maker by night and a judo enthusiast during the rest of his waking hours. A second dan black belt, he is the chief instructor of Veraloy Judo Club in High Wycombe, which has had considerable success in producing national junior medal winners and whose most famous pupil, Ray Stevens, is tussling for the top middleweight spot on the national senior team.

Like many of Britain's judo clubs, however, the Veraloy club did not have their own premises. Instead, they hired the hall in the local Irish Club and two nights a week O'Brien had to lay the mats and stack them away at the end of classes.

Just down the road, Bill Nobbs, a steel erector by trade and also a second dan, was doing much the same thing as chief instructor of the Wycombe Judo Club. Both men had had long waiting lists, so the answer was a home of their own.

O'Brien persuaded the Wycombe District Council to offer them a site. He raised £44,000 on a local lottery, coaxed grants and loans from the Sports Council, the local Weatherheads Brewery, Midland Bank and many others and even persuaded Prince Philip to become the centre's principal supporter. The £200,000 project was under way.

Then Nobbs stepped in, erecting the steel superstructure and organizing a team of builders and local parents to help put up the building, thereby saving nearly £200,000 in professional costs.

"The days of judo on temporary mats in freezing church and village halls should be over," O'Brien said, "but a recent survey in *British Judo* magazine showed that over 60 per cent of clubs still operate in this way."

"From the start of this project, I have refused to go for cheap compromises. If we are to produce outstanding judo men and women of the future, the country needs good facilities, but I know that in England you have to help yourself."

It seems that his refusal to compromise has paid off. The High Wycombe Judo Centre will not only serve its local area, but will also become one of the main training centres in the south for Britain's highly successful men's and women's international squads.

"This is the kind of place we need: a large area where the top men and women can practise hard without the inhibitions of working on a crowded mat," Roy Inman, manager of the women's team, said.

Britain's three world champions, the bantamweight, Karen Briggs, the lightweight, Ann Hughes, and the light-middleweight, Diane Bell, are scheduled to practise weekly at the centre to prepare for the world championships in West Germany in November.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sponsors favour the Cup

By Keith Macklin

The sponsorship of the Rugby League's premier event, the Challenge Cup, by Silk Cut will continue for two years. In the three years of the present sponsorship arrangement, the company have made £420,000 available to the Rugby League. The continuation of the agreement ensures that the League will receive a further £160,000 in 1987 and 1988 and £170,000 in 1988 and 1989.

Leonard Owen, the director of special events for Silk Cut, said: "We enjoy our association with the game. We have found the approach of administrators and players pleasant, businesslike and efficient, and the game has a refreshing air of sportsmanship."

A record number of 38 clubs, including four amateur sides, entered the competition this season, and the winners of the final, between Halifax and St Helens, at Wembley on May 2, will receive £16,000. Another renewed sponsorship will be that of Car Care Plan for the Oxford v Cambridge match

● Fulham have signed John Mayo, the Wigan forward, for £4,000. Mayo, aged 21, is expected to play at Keighley on Saturday. Leigh, threatened with relegation, have signed the powerful Rochdale forward, David Evans.

HORSE TRIALS

Financial boost aids Bevan

By Jenny MacArthur

Ros Bevan, a former leading junior three day event rider who was on the point of giving up the sport because of a lack of funds, has entered a £40,000 sponsorship contract, initially for two years, with Scott Howard Furniture.

The sponsorship, brought about by Mrs Heather Holgate, the mother of the world champion, Virginia Leng, will enable Miss Bevan to keep the ride on her two top horses, Horton Venture and Horton Point. The latter, described by Mrs Holgate as one of the top nine-year-olds in the country, has been bought by the sponsor.

Miss Bevan, aged 22, lives with her family on a sheep farm near Abergavenny. She joins two other event riders, Rosalind Snook and Carolyn Morris, in the sponsors' team.

Miss Bevan's immediate goal is Badminton next week, where she rides Horton Venture. Horton Point will probably be aimed at Burghley in September. Although successful as a junior and a young rider — she won two team gold medals and was selected to train with Capt Mark Phillips and the Range Rover Team for six months — Miss Bevan's recent career has been dogged with bad luck and anxiety over finances.

Chancery Division Law Report April 1 1987 Court of Appeal

Journalist had reasonable excuse for protecting sources

In re an Inquiry under the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act 1985

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment March 31]

In an application pursuant to section 178 of the Financial Services Act 1986 for an inquiry by inspectors appointed under section 177 of the Act to investigate suspected contraventions of section 2 of the Companies (Insider Dealing) Act 1985, resulting from the refusal of Mr Jeremy Warner, a journalist, to answer certain questions put to him by the inspectors, Mr Justice Hoffmann held in the Chancery Division that Mr Warner had a reasonable excuse for not answering the questions.

Mr John Mummery for the inspectors; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Miss Adrienne Page for Mr Warner.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that the inspectors were appointed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in December 1986 and charged in wide terms with the investigation of suspected leaks from the Office of Fair Trading, the Department of Trade and Industry or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of price-sensitive information about take-over bids which appeared to have been communicated to outsiders who used it to deal on the stock exchange.

On February 25, 1987, Mr Warner was required to attend before the inspectors and was asked a number of questions about the nature and sources of information upon which two articles of his had been based — one in *The Times* of November 8, 1985 and the other in *The Independent* on October 23, 1986.

Mr Warner refused to answer on the ground that he was unwilling to disclose information which might enable his sources to be identified.

After further questions and receiving the same answer, the inspectors certified his refusal to the court pursuant to section 178(1) of the 1986 Act.

It should at once be said that the inspectors made no suggestion that Mr Warner had used confidential information for private dealings or any other form of financial advantage; he had done no more than carry on his trade as a financial journalist in the ordinary way by talking to whatever sources of information he could find.

The question raised by the inquiry was whether the court was satisfied that Mr Warner's refusal to answer was "without reasonable excuse": see section 178(2). If so satisfied, the court had power to punish him "in like manner as if he had been guilty of contempt of court".

For Mr Warner it was said that his refusal was justified by section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 or the public interest in the protection of journalists' sources of information.

There were three categories of case in which public policy in the broadest sense limited the extent to which the law might require the disclosure of information:

First, policy might justify the existence of a privilege, that is to say, a rule of law which defined the circumstances in which someone might refuse to disclose information. In cases of privilege the court was not concerned to evaluate the underlying policy or (unless the rule expressly so required) to weigh it against competing public interests. It simply applied the rule.

Second, policy might justify the existence of a head of public interest recognized by law capable of outweighing the public interest in the administration of justice or other purpose for which the information was required.

Old established examples of such recognized heads of public interest were the security of the state, the proper administration of central government and the protection of the identity of police informers. Some more recent additions had been mentioned by Lord Diplock in *Secretary of State for Defence v Guardian Newspapers Ltd* ([1985] AC 339, 347F).

Those heads of public interest did not necessarily prevail over the purpose for which the information was required. The court had to weigh one against the other in the circumstances of each case and disclosure was to be given the benefit of the doubt. The weighing was an exercise of discretion by the judge.

Third, policy might give rise to discretionary considerations which the court took into account in deciding whether to order disclosure or not. But the public interests giving rise to discretionary considerations were different from the second category in that they could not in the end prevail over the administration of justice or other purpose for which the law required the information. If it was necessary for that purpose, it had to be disclosed: see Lord Wilberforce in *Science Research Council v Nasse* ([1980] AC 1028, 1066A, 1067B-E).

A line of cases culminating in *British Steel Corporation v Granada Television Ltd* ([1981] AC 1096) had established first, that journalists had no privilege to refuse to disclose sources of information and second, that protection of sources was not a recognized head of public interest but only a discretionary consideration.

The *Granada* case was followed by section 10 of the 1981 Act which only allowed the court to require disclosure where it was established to the satisfaction of the court that disclosure was necessary in the interests of justice or national security or for the prevention of disorder or crime.

That legislation had two consequences. The first was to create a privilege, the scope of which had been authoritatively stated by the House of Lords in the *Guardian* case. The second was to amount to a parliamentary declaration of public policy which promoted the protection of sources from a discretionary consideration to a recognized head of public interest.

The House of Lords approved the judgment of Lord Justice Griffiths in the *Guardian* case in the Court of Appeal ([1984] Ch 156, 167) where he said the press had always attached the greatest importance to their ability to protect their sources of information; that if they were not able to do so, they believed many of their sources would dry up, which would seriously interfere with their effectiveness; that it was in the interests of all that there should be a truly effective press and that Parliament by enacting section 10 had clearly recognized the importance attaching to the ability of the press to protect their sources.

As was pointed out by Lord Diplock in the *Guardian* case, the privilege created by section 10 meant that, where it applied, a finding by the judge that disclosure was "necessary" for one of the purposes mentioned in the proviso was "a condition precedent to his having any jurisdiction to order disclosure of sources of information".

It did not follow that in cases falling within the proviso or where the section did not apply, the jurisdiction had to be exercised. The judge still had to exercise a discretion by weighing the need for disclosure against the public interest in the protection of sources.

As to whether section 10 applied at all in the present case, his Lordship's view was that section 10 had no application. The inspectors were not a court and (although it might seem rather technical) Mr Warner's refusal could not have been a contempt of court; it could only make him liable to punishment "as if he had been guilty of contempt of court".

But in this case it did not matter whether the section did apply: the words "reasonable excuse" were wide enough to require the court to take into account the public interest in the protection of sources.

It seemed the same process had to be performed of weighing the public interest against the interests of justice or the prevention of crime as the court would have done if application for disclosure had been made in court proceedings.

His Lordship referred to the considerations stated by the inspectors on the side of disclosure; and to the reasons on the other side in favour of the protection of sources.

The public interest required a general rule of protection in all cases except where the information was needed for some overriding purpose. It should not be lost because of the content of the particular article. Much journalism was trivial and some irresponsible. That was the price of freedom.

His Lordship said that the weighing process was difficult because on the one hand one was concerned with an immediate and practical question, the detection or prevention of specific crimes, and, on the other hand, the preservation of a general principle.

It was tempting for lawyers to think that common sense required paramount importance to be given to the former. But that was not necessarily so.

Legal professional privilege, expressly preserved by section 177(7) of the 1986 Act, gave a general principle of fairness in the administration of justice precedence over the desirability of establishing the truth in the particular case.

It was also a truism that more crime could be detected or prevented if the state was willing to devote much greater resources to law enforcement or to curtail individual liberties. But a balance had to be kept.

One last consideration in the weighing process ought to be mentioned: Mr Warner had said that in deciding not to disclose his sources — whatever order the court might make — he intended no disrepect to the court; that he only wanted to inform the court that he felt obliged by professional obligations to undergo punishment rather than reveal his source.

The court could only proceed on the assumption that its orders would be obeyed, although it was relevant that Mr Warner's attitude was widely held in his profession.

The critical question therefore was as posed by section 10 of the 1981 Act: had disclosure been shown to be necessary for the prevention of crime? To satisfy tha burden of showing that disclosure was necessary, rather than merely expedient, it seemed it had to appear probable that in the absence of disclosure by the journalist further crimes were likely to be committed.

His Lordship considered the inspectors' reasons for requiring disclosure and said that he would naturally give weight to the fact that the inspectors thought that Mr Warner's evidence would be important.

His Lordship's view was that the facts stated by the inspectors did not show a probability that only the disclosure of his sources by Mr Warner could prevent further insider dealing.

His evidence might provide useful jigsaw pieces to fit into the picture which the inspectors were constructing but it had not been shown to be the key to the puzzle.

Thus if section 10 had applied, the inspectors would not in the court's judgment have demonstrated that disclosure of sources was necessary for the prevention of crime.

Looking at the matter as an exercise of discretion outside the statute, and giving disclosure the benefit of the doubt, the court considered that the public interest in the protection of sources outweighed the value of disclosure for the purposes of the investigation; it followed that Mr Warner had a reasonable excuse.

Mr Warner had also been asked about the source of unpublished information which would not have been protected by section 10. The reason for the limitation to the sources for published articles was obscure, but in his Lordship's judgment the rule of public policy had to cover all sources of information obtained in the course of the journalists's professional work.

Counsel for the inspectors had suggested that if the court was not satisfied that the evidence discharged the burden of demonstrating necessity, the inquiry should be adjourned so as to give the inspectors an opportunity to put in more evidence but the court's view was that that would be wrong. Mr Warner had stood in jeopardy of punishment for the equivalent of a criminal offence; he should not have to do so again.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Oswald Hickson Collier & Co.

Wrong way to enforce order

Mercantile Credit Co Ltd v Ellis
Same v James and Another
Same v Carrington and Another
Same v Huxtable
Same v Stanger and Another

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment March 11]

A charging order under section 1 of the Charging Orders Act 1979 constituted execution and therefore could not, by virtue of section 86 of the County Courts Act 1984, be made by a county court to enforce a judgment debt which it had ordered to be paid by instalments unless and until there had been some default in paying the instalments ordered.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing five appeals by the plaintiff, Mercantile Credit Co Ltd, from orders of Judge Harris, QC, who, in Westminster County Court on December 12, 1986 had dismissed its appeals from the deputy registrar who had discharged charging orders nisi made against the defendants' property in each case.

In each case the court had previously given judgment for the plaintiff on its money claim and ordered the defendants to pay the judgment debt by instalments, and none of the defendants had defaulted in payment of any of the instalments.

Mr Roger Evans for the plaintiff; the defendants did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that where it was established that an order for payment of a judgment debt by instalments had been observed it would in any event be wrong to interfere with a refusal of the court below to make a charging order.

Note 50/1-9/7 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1985* suggested that the definition of a charging order in section 1(1) of the 1979 Act, "a charge for securing the payment of any money due or to become due under the judgment", had negatived the decision in *Woodham-Smith v Edwards* ([1908] 2 KB 899), where it had been decided that such an order could be made only in respect of instalments which were in arrears.

In his Lordship's judgment, the words of section 1(1) were not sufficient to overrule the words of Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton in *Woodham-Smith*.

When section 1 of the 1979 Act was considered together with section 4 it was clear that charging orders, even when made against dwelling houses, were to be regarded as execution, notwithstanding that possession could not be obtained without a further order of the court.

His Lordship would therefore have held, had it been necessary to the determination of the appeal, that there was no jurisdiction to make a charging order where the judgment debtor had not defaulted in paying the instalments ordered.

His Lordship had grave doubts whether it had been within the judge's jurisdiction for him to make it a condition of granting leave to appeal from his order that the plaintiff would pay the costs of the appeal in any event.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, concurring, said that in the light of section 86(3) of the 1984 Act, the words "money due or to become due" in section 1(1) of the 1979 Act were wholly without the significance attributed to them in note 50/1-9/7 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1985*.

If there were default in one instalment, section 86(3) gave the court power to issue execution, which would include making charging orders, in respect of that instalment and of the remaining instalments.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed.

Solicitor: Mr N. M. Heron.

RACING: LAMBOURN-BASED USHER CAN CAPTURE HAMILTON PRIZE

Kings Victory set for a profitable trip

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Lambourn trainer Mark Usher and jockey Michael Wigham are hopeful that KINGS VICTORY will justify their decision to make the 800-mile round trip to Hamilton Park today by winning the Banana Rum Maiden Stakes.

Usher, who spent his formative years in racing being guided by Henry Candy, has already cast his net even further this year and enjoyed a profitable working holiday at Cagnes.

Never out of the first six in all his races as a two-year-old, Kings Victory gave four performances which suggested that a prize like today's is his for the taking.

The first was at Newbury in July when he finished fourth behind Jeremy Tree's classic hope Bellotto. Next time out, Kings Victory ran equally well when he was beaten only a length at Nottingham by Chilibang who was destined to win another four races.

After that Kings Victory was mildly disappointing on a couple of occasions but he bounced back to form in the autumn when finishing second and fourth in nurseries at Leicester and Doncaster. The way that he finished at the end of seven furlong events suggested that he was crying out for further so today's distance of a mile and 40 yards should be right up his street.

Certainly no other runner in today's 12-strong field has performed as creditably as he did on his last start, when he was beaten two-and-a-half lengths by Paradise Coffee. Kings Victory now has an outstanding chance today and he is my nap.

Otherwise, it should pay to cash in on the proven fitness of LADY LA PAZ (3.15) and JUST TOO BRAVE (4.45). They both ran well to finish second at Doncaster last week.

Runner-up to Sheer Nectar last Friday, Lady La Paz should only have to give a repeat performance to reward her trainer Nigel Tinkler's wife, Kim, with another winning ride in the Langs Supreme Scotch Whisky Trophy.

If following that commendable second behind Springwell last Thursday, Just Too Brave goes one better in the Champagne Pommery Maiden Stakes, it could be the second of two winners for Mick Ryan and Philip Robinson, who appear to have a sound chance of also winning the Glengoyne Malt Whisky Quaich Handicap with LAST RECOVERY.

At Huntingdon, I fancy ELVERCONE'S chance of opening his account in the second division of the Sandy Novices' Hurdle especially now that he will be tackling 2½ miles for the first time.

Denied a similar opportunity at Newbury last Friday when a gale caused the meeting to be abandoned after one race, Elvercone shaped like a future winner in his last race at Wincanton when he was beaten three lengths by Kings Folly.

The earlier division can go to KINCSES, whose third place behind Cashew King at Nottingham was the reason behind an inspired gamble on her to win next time out at Warwick.

Stable companion PAULATIM, also has a chance in the Northcote and Company Handicap Chase even though he has not run this season.

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Last Recovery.
2.45 No Tops.
3.15 Lady La Paz.
3.45 KINGS VICTORY (nap).
4.15 Hunter's Leap.
4.45 Just Too Brave.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Last Recovery
2.45 —
3.15 Billy's Dancer.
3.45 Deep Water Bay.
4.15 QUE PASA (nap).
4.45 Just Too Brave.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 JOHN GILPIN (nap).

Going: soft **Draw: 5-6f middle to high numbers best**

2.15 GLENGOYNE MALTO WHISKY QUAICH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,590: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(7)	040140-	LINN O'DEE 156 (D,F,S) (C Spence) M W Easterby 9-7	M Hindley	91
2	(4)	100200-	MERE MUSIC 176 (D,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-4	K Darley	95
4	(2)	303210-	LAST RECOVERY 247 (D,F) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 9-3	P Robinson	97
5	(5)	000-	MARKET SPIRIT 148 (J Walton) P Blockley 9-0	S Lawes	—
6	(3)	100304-	MISS SHEGAS 198 (D,S) (J Berry) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll (5)	95
7	(6)	400000-	PANBOY 208 (CD,S) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-10	K Hodgson	97
8	(1)	000013-	GARDENIA LADY 1 (B,D,F) (W Spink) T Barron 8-9	D Nicholls	92
9	(10)	440342-	DENSBEN 156 (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 8-8	M Fry	92
10	(8)	033404-	INGLISTON 217 (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 8-7	M Birch	● 99
11	(9)	000-	MULTI SPIRAL 193 (T Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 8-6	S Webster	91

BETTING: 9-4 Panboy, 11-4 Gardenia Lady, 5-1 Linn O'Dee, 6-1 Densben, 13-2 Ingliston, 7-1 others.

1986: SONNENELLE 9-0 G Duffield (11-4) J S Wilson 5 ran

FORM On penultimate start LAST RECOVERY (8-10) got up close home to beat Absolution (9-7) a head at Folkestone (5f, £1380, good to firm, July 22, 7 ran).
Best effort from PANBOY (9-0) last term was a 2l beating of Seaton Girl (8-11) over this course and distance (£881, soft, Apr 3, 11 ran).

DENSBEN (8-3) failed to quicken inside the distance when 1½l 2nd to Kala's Image (8-9), with GARDENIA LADY (8-5) a head behind in 3rd and LINN O'DEE (8-13) back in 9th at Edinburgh (5f, £1246, good, Oct 27, 12 ran).

Earlier in the season DENSBEN (7-13) finished 3l 3rd to Peter's Blue (8-3) over the same course and distance (£1270, good to firm, Sep 15, 17 ran) with MISS SHEGAS (8-7) 2½l back in 4th and GARDENIA LADY (8-5) an outpaced 8th.
LINN O'DEE (8-4) better judged on a 1½l beating of Supreme State (9-2), with MERE MUSIC (8-4) out of the first 9 at Beverley (5f, £1687, firm, Sep 25, 15 ran).
MISS SHEGAS (8-11) better effort when beating Silvers Era (8-11) a hard fought short head at Chester (5f, £3055, soft, May 8, 5 ran).
Selection: MISS SHEGAS

2.45 ZAREVICH VODKA SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £909: 5f) (7 runners)

2	(4)	NO TOPS (Mrs J Berry) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll (5)	—
5	(3)	BRIGHT JUNE (J Turney) T Fairhurst 8-6	K Hodgson	—
6	(1)	CALTON COLLEEN (D McGonagle) J S Wilson 8-6	G Duffield	—
8	(6)	ELA-YIANNI-MOU (P Charalambous) M Brittain 8-6	K Darley	—
10	(7)	NATION'S GAME (Nation Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 8-6	J H Brown (5)	—
12	(5)	SIGWELLS MISS (E Goody) W G M Turner 8-6	T Williams	—
13	(2)	WEE AGNES (Mrs R Black) J S Wilson 8-6	T Sprake (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 No Tops, 3-1 Calton Colleen, 5-1 Ela Yianni-Mou, 7-1 Nation's Game, 17-2 Bright June.

1986: TANGDONTPAY 8-3 J H Brown (15-2) N Tinkler 10 ran

3.15 LANGS SUPREME SCOTCH WHISKY TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,152: 1m 40yd) (12 runners)

1	(4)	001000/	OULA OWL 1282 (V,S) (Mrs M Spreckley) K Ivory 7-9-12	A Shoults (3)	—
2	(1)	0/13014-	BILLY'S DANCER 291 (CD,S) (F Phoenix) D Dale 4-9-11	R Carter (3)	98
3	(12)	1/00000-	FRINGE OF HEAVEN 236 (G,S) (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-9-11	J H Brown (5)	—
4	(5)	0300-	MR PASTRY 160 (C Flear) E Alston 4-9-10	G Duffield	98
6	(3)	000021-	DEPUTY TIM 226 (G) (M Shaw) R Bastiman 4-9-8	D Nicholls	92
7	(8)	30000-0	RUN BY JOVE 5 (V,S) (Newmarket Racing Plc) P Haslam 4-9-7	T Williams	—
8	(6)	0/2121-0	JOHN GILPIN 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) (A Barker) W Haigh 5-9-6	R Cochrane	98
9	(2)	31000-2	LADY LA PAZ 6 (G) (Full Circle C Plc) N Tinkler 4-9-3	Kim Tinkler	● 99
11	(11)	40010/0	SPIGOT SHAFT 5 (B,CD,G,S) (B Johnson) D Wintle 7-9-1	S Whitworth	—
12	(9)	000000-	MERRY MEASURE 385 (F,G,S) (J Allison) R Allen 5-8-11	A Mackay	—
15	(7)	04000-4	TRY SCORER 6 (S) (H Thompson) Denys Smith 5-8-8	L Charnock	98
16	(10)	240002-	LITTLE NEWINGTON 158 (B,C,S) (Capes Ltd) N Bycroft 6-8-5	J Lowe	97

BETTING: 5-2 Lady La Paz, 9-2 Spigot Shaft, 5-1 Run By Jove, 8-1 Oula Owl, 8-1 Billy's Dancer.

1986: JOHN GILPIN 4-8-12 R Cochrane (5-1) W Haigh 11 ran

FORM MR PASTRY (9-0) best judged on a length 3rd to Hooked Bid (8-11) at Salisbury (1m, £1387, good to firm, Sep 10, 13 ran).
DEPUTY TIM (8-11) ended last season with a length beating of Alexanjo (8-8) at Leicester (7f Sell, £1054, good, Aug 18, 19 ran).

LADY LA PAZ (8-12) stayed on close home to be 1½l 2nd to Sheer Nectar (8-13), with JOHN GILPIN (9-1) 7l behind in 9th and SPIGOT SHAFT (8-10) out of the first 10 at Doncaster (1m, £2868, soft, Mar 27, 25 ran).

TRY SCORER (7-12) could only stay on at one pace when 12l 4th to Homme D'Affaire (9-5) also at Doncaster (1m 2f App, good to soft). Best effort last season (9-5) when 1½l 2nd to Mister Point (9-7), with BILLY'S DANCER (9-3) just over a length back in 4th and LITTLE NEWINGTON (8-12) out of the first 9 at Carlisle (1m1f, £1864, good to soft, Jun 14, 14 ran). Previously BILLY'S DANCER (8-6) beat Star's Delight (7-12) 4l with LITTLE NEWINGTON (8-6) 1½l back in 4th over this course and distance (£2784, heavy, Jun 10, 9 ran).
Selection: TRY SCORER

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 BANANA RUM MAIDEN STAKES (£3-Y-O: £1,017: 1m 40yd) (12 runners)

2	(1)	00000-	CARL'S PRIDE 168 (B Thaxton) Denys Smith 9-0	L Charnock	—
3	(6)		DEAR DINGWALL (Prince A Salman) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	—
4	(10)	0-	DEEP WATER BAY 152 (M Bamber) I Matthews 9-0	C Dwyer	96
5	(4)	000-	EVERLOFT 168 (R Cottam) G M Moore 9-0	C Coates (5)	—
6	(9)	420024-	KINGS VICTORY 144 (D Hesmatall) M Usher 9-0	M Wigham	● 99
7	(7)		LYNCEUS (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
9	(3)	00-	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 160 (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll (5)	—
10	(12)	00-	RAYMONDS STAR 204 (Tow-Star Ltd) M Naughton 9-0	M Fry	—
11	(2)	02-	ROMANY LAD 184 (D Wilson) W G M Turner 9-0	T Williams	77
13	(8)	0402-	THE BRAZILIAN 257 (A Procs) E Alston 9-0	G Duffield	77
17	(5)	0000-	CHURCH STAR 205 (A Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 8-11	M Hindley	—
20	(11)		NECOCHEA (J McGuigan) D Chapman 8-11	M Beecroft	—

BETTING: 11-8 King's Victory, 9-4 Deep Water Bay, 6-1 Dear Dingwall, 13-2 The Brazilian, 10-1 Romany Lad, 14-1 others.

1986: MARINA PLATA 8-11 D Nicholls (7-1) D Chapman 8 ran

FORM CARL'S PRIDE (9-0) best effort an 11½l 6th to Aid And Abet (8-11) in a Pontefract maiden (5f, £2014, good to firm, Aug 7, 9 ran).
DEEP WATER BAY (9-0) 8½l 8th to Rockdella (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £4341, good to soft, Oct 31, 21 ran).
KINGS VICTORY'S decent efforts in nurseries include (8-7) a 2½l 4th to Paradise Coffee (8-3) at Doncaster (7f, £11187, good, Nov 8, 20 ran).

ROMANY LAD (8-11) a ¾l 2nd of 6 to Good Time Girl (8-8) in a Brighton seller (5f, £808, good to firm, May 29).

THE BRAZILIAN (9-0) never made impression when 2nd to Pine Away (8-11) beaten 10l here over 6f (£1321, firm, July 18, 3 ran).

Selection: DEEP WATER BAY

4.15 BROMISTA RUM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,217: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

3	(4)	02400-	QUE PASA 189 (Mrs J Sealey) P Haslam 9-7	T Williams	98
4	(2)	100400-	HUNTER'S LEAP 162 (C,S) (J Lishman) G Moore 9-6	C Coates (5)	● 99
6	(1)	003002-	KNOCKSHARRY 151 (F) (P White) R Hollinshead 9-5	P Hill (7)	94
7	(3)	000-	FOWL PLAY 183 (Miss H Corridan) Denys Smith 9-5	L Charnock	85
8	(5)	000-	SHENLEY ROMP 285 (R Skeggs) K Ivory 9-4	A Shoults (3)	—
11	(7)	220000-	MISS EMILY 147 (M Hill) D Chapman 9-3	M Birch	97
12	(8)	040-	AMIABLE AMY 169 (T Hazell) T Barron 9-1	D Nicholls	94
14	(6)	000-	MINIZEN LAD 244 (Minizen Ltd) M Britain 8-10	K Darley	—

BETTING: 11-4 Knocksharry, 3-1 Que Pasa, 4-1 Hunter's Leap, 13-2 Fowl Play, 10-1 Amiable Amy, Minizen Lad, 25-1 Miss Emily, Shenley Romp.

1986: ELEGANT BILL 8-3 M Beecroft (5-2) T Fairhurst 4 ran

FORM QUE PASA (8-11) a short head 2nd to Aegean Dance (8-5) in a Beverley claiming race (6f, £1250, good to soft, Aug 27, 13 ran).
HUNTERS LEAP'S win came on heavy ground here when (9-0) a length winner from Silver Haze (9-0), (6f, £1402, June 10, 5 ran).
KNOCKSHARRY (7-10) 2½l 3rd to Madam Bills (8-8) at Newmarket (6f, £3839, soft, Nov 1, 24 ran).

FOWL PLAY (8-11) on penultimate start a 6l 5th to Singing Partner (8-11) at Bath (5f, £1918, good to firm, Sep 22, 13 ran).

AMIABLE AMY (8-8) best judged on a 3½l 4th to Melgrove (8-11) in Redcar selling company (7f, £1240, firm, Sep 26, 21 ran).

Selection: QUE PASA

4.45 CHAMPAGNE POMMERY MAIDEN STAKES (£1,057: 1m 3f) (9 runners)

2	(1)	000000-	JOHNNY FRENCHMAN 237 (R Bainbridge) A Watson 6-9-0	J Carroll (5)	—
4	(2)	04-2	JUST TOO BRAVE 6 (T Ramsden) M Ryan 4-9-0	P Robinson	● 99
7	(6)	0/4-0	MASTER VINCE 6 (S Squires) M Tompkins 9-9-0	A Mackay	85
8	(9)	202000-	MUSICAL YOUTH 149 (D Rodway) D Wintle 4-9-0	S Whitworth	92
10	(8)	0020-	OUR HERO 163 (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 4-9-0	G Duffield	88
11	(5)	000060-	RACING DEMON 155 (P Lam) F Carr 5-9-0	S Morris	—
14	(3)	443223-	TREYARNON 177 (Lt Col W Monteith) P Monteith 5-9-0	D Nicholls	90
18	(4)	00/0	C S L GIRL 6 (R Vardy) J Mulhall 5-8-11	M Richardson (7)	—
19	(7)	02300-0	INDIAN LOVE SONG 6 (Mrs P Good) R Hollinshead 4-8-11	S Perks	92

BETTING: 2-1 Just Too Brave, 5-2 Musical Youth, 9-2 Indian Love Song, 6-1 Trayarnon, 8-1 Master Vince, 16-1 others.

1986: IMPECUNIOSITY 4-9-0 D Nicholls (5-1) J S Wilson 10 ran

FORM JUST TOO BRAVE (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Springwell, Doncaster opening day (1m 2f 50y, £959, soft, 28 ran), with MASTER VINCE (9-0) 7l 5th and INDIAN LOVE SONG (8-11) 1½l 6th.
MASTER VINCE better over a trip, last season (9-5) 4th, beaten less than 6l, to Shah's Choice (9-0) at Catterick (1m 7f, £884, firm, Oct 17, 7 ran).

MUSICAL YOUTH, good effort first time out last season, (8-1) 3l 2nd to Homme D'Affaire (8-1), Salisbury (1m2f, £2407, soft, May 7, 12 ran).
INDIAN LOVE SONG (8-11) 3l 3rd to No More Rosies (8-11) at Ripon (1m 2f, £2478, soft, Aug 26, 13 ran).
Selection: MUSICAL YOUTH

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
P Haslam	15	71	21.1
M H Easterby	8	47	17.0
S Norton	21	146	14.4
J Berry	22	171	12.9
D Chapman	15	155	9.7
J S Wilson	12	153	7.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Cochrane	8	38	21.1
K Hodgson	7	36	19.4
G Duffield	43	237	18.1
J Lowe	34	255	13.3
M Birch	18	156	11.5
D Nicholls	21	199	10.6

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Kincses.
2.30 Boreen King.
3.00 K O Island.
3.30 Paulatim.

4.00 Finnesko.
4.30 Elvercone.
5.00 Border Lad.
5.30 Sapperton.

By Michael Seely
3.00 K O Island. 3.30 Homeson.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 K O ISLAND.

Going: soft

2.0 SANDY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,375: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1	03440/	BASSETT BOY 765 (J Ross) J Jenkins 8-11-3	—	—
4	00	CROWN GREEN 23 (J Thursby) F Walwyn 5-11-3	R Pusey	90
5		DENSLADS (M Ferrett) P Hedger 5-11-3	M Richards	—
6	P0P	DISCO TRIX 11 (Mrs A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 5-11-3	B Powell	—
9	P-0	HANGING FIRE 85 (W Wade) G Enright 6-11-3	M Perrett	—
12	34	JELLY-DEAL 7 (R Hill) W G M Turner 5-11-3	Tracy Turner (7)	91
13	00-	JERRY'S WISH 310 (Mrs J Lundgren) G Gracey 6-11-3	R Beggan	—
14	0	MARMALADE MAN 19 (P Burnand) J King 10-11-3	S McNeill	—
15	0-04	MOUNTAIN CRASH 22 (S) (A Parker) J Edwards 7-11-3	T Morgan	95
17		OLD MALTON (D Jenkins) D Ringer 5-11-3	P Scudamore	—
20	P	PAUPER HILL 11 (Mrs A Irvine) D Bell 7-11-3	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—
21	0434	PICADILLY LORD 19 (P Michael) G Huffer 5-11-3	J McLaughlin	● 99
31	0P	TOO HOT TA TROT 6 (J Willett) C Willett 5-11-3	—	—
32	0	UNDER OFFER 18 (Mrs G Prest) G Prest 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	—
34	F0	BUSY MITTENS 33 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 6-10-12	G McCourt	—
35	00-0	CANT GO WRONG 19 (Miss J Coule) M Oliver 6-10-12	E Buckley (4)	—
36	000	GREAT DESTINY 18 (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 5-10-12	H Davies	—
38	030	KINCSES 22 (BF) (D Samuel) N Henderson 6-10-12	S Smith Eccles	98
40	P	MARSH PRINCESS 6 (A Crebbin) C Willett 7-10-12	—	—
42	F	NETHERBROOK LASS 7 (A Ings) B Morgan 8-10-12	C Prince (7)	—
44	0	WILLOW WOOD 35 (Mrs J Bealby) Mrs J Bealby 6-10-12	Mrs J Saunders	—
46	0	JOHN O'DEE 12 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-10	Miss G Armytage (4)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Kincses, 7-2 Picadilly Lord, 5-1 Mountain Crash, 13-2 Crown Green, 8-1 Jelly-Deal, 10-1 Marmalade Man, Busy Mittens, 12-1 Bassett Boy, 16-1 others.

1986: TARCONEY 6-10-12 P Scudamore (9-4 fav) P Cundell 17 ran

2.30 ELTISLEY NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £1,610: 3m) (16 runners)

2	0P4010	BOREEN KING 30 (S) (G P S Print Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-8	G Landau (4)	92
7	220P/FP	BAD HABITS 30 (Mrs M Enright) G Enright 7-11-1	M Perrett	—
8	P/UPF	BENJAMIN RABBIT 103 (D Barnes) S Dow 9-11-1	R Guest (4)	—
11	00P0	CAPTAIN LOWE 12 (R Hammond) N Lee-Judson 7-11-1	S Moore	—
15	000002	COMPTON BOY 8 (R Clements) C Willett 11-11-1	R Rowell	93
18	0/200U0	GENERAL CHRYSON 47 (S) (M Paraskos) J Gifford 7-11-1	R Rowe	—
21	0-F0F40	HILL O'PONDS 18 (P Boggis) D Gandolfo 8-11-1	M Williams	—
23	100/U0-	KING DAITHI 471 (Lady Carden) N Gaselee 8-11-1	A Adams (7)	74
27	22-4103	MET OFFICER 40 (G,S) (M Skinner) M Skinner 7-11-1	R Dunwoody	80
29	0022FP	MR DIBBS 14 (B,S) (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-1	M Pitman	● 99
35	04P3-PF	PRECIPICE ROAD 44 (V) (V Bootle) K Morgan 8-11-1	K Ryan (7)	—
44	3FF342	TEXAS TURKEY 120 (D Wright) D Oughton 7-11-1	H Davies	89
47	0-4000P	TIMSAH 20 (S) (P Hedger) P Hedger 7-11-1	M Richards	—
50	04UPP	VULBEAU 8 (Mrs T Arthur) D Gosset 7-11-1	Mr T Grantham (4)	75
52	0	FRAU KITZ 34 (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 7-10-10	J Lovejoy	—
55	3-04000	MISHRIF 39 (S) (J Bird) A Moore 5-10-5	G Moore	—

BETTING: 3-1 Boreen King, 7-2 Mr Dibbs, 4-1 Compton Boy, 6-1 General Chryson, 8-1 Met Officer, 10-1 Texas Turkey, 12-1 Mishrif, 14-1 others.

1986: (3m 100yd) RONALDS CAROLE 6-11-8 B Powell (11-4 fav) R Armytage 15 ran

3.0 WARESLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£984: 2m 100yd) (13 runners)

4	1/3-1400	CAMPUS BOY 114 (F,S) (Petford Tools Ltd) R Juckes 8-11-7	C Evans	85
7	000004	WALMER SANDS 11 (A Parton) B Preece 5-10-11	P Miller	92
10	0000/0	MEDES 42 (W Price) W Price 6-10-6	—	—
13	000311	K O ISLAND 14 (B,S) (C McClintock) M Pipe 4-10-5	J Lower	● 99
14	000	POLECROFT 22 (C Cory) W Perrin 4-10-3	S Woods	—
16	1UF004	FRIENDLY BEE 19 (S) (C Hague) B Richmond 5-10-1	M Eskwell	91
19	200000-	MAID MARINER 305 (Mrs C Morgan) K Morgan 5-10-0	K Ryan	90
20	000PP4	TABACOS 12 (Miss S Hamilton) W G Turner 4-10-0	Tracy Turner	—
21	00004	RAVENSCRAIG 44 (BF) (D St Clair) D Grissell 5-10-0	G Landau	88
22	0PP30	JOUSTING BOY 18 (S Elmer) R Thompson 4-10-0	D Skyrme	—
23	00003	L'ETOILE DU PALAIS 12 (B Blundell) B Stevens 4-10-0	M Stevens	90
25	UUR0PP	REMAINDER GIRL 104 (F) (R Juckes) R Juckes 6-10-0	—	—
31	PP-0PP	FOXY DYKE 211 (B Dukes) P Dukes 5-10-0	—	—

BETTING: 4-6 K O Island, 4-1 Ravenscraig, 6-1 Walmer Sands, 8-1 L'Etoile du Palais, 12-1 Friendly Bee, 16-1 others.

1986: (2m 200yd) HI-TECH BOY 4-10-0 Tracy Turner (20-1) W Turner 12 ran

3.30 NORTHCOTE & CO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,842: 3m) (7 runners)

6	32/2411-	PAULATIM 425 (G,S) (G Johnson) N Henderson 7-11-7	S Smith Eccles	85
8	0-4P1F0	BALLY-GO 15 (D,F,G,S) (C Bell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-4	M Dwyer	93
10	3-31B44	BRASS CHANGE 27 (V,G,S) (N Goodliff) I Dudgeon 9-11-3	M Richards	95
12	3-F1U02	MITHRAS 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 9-10-11	T Wall	91
13	4PF340	HOMESON 15 (F,G,S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 10-10-9	R Rowe	● 99
20	0/04-0FP	GOOD TRADE 7 (D,F,G) (H Harper) H Harper 12-10-0	P Dever	81
26	0P00/0P	SIT AND WAIT 386 (Mrs S Lee) G Lee 10-10-0	D Skyrme (7)	—

BETTING: 15-8 Homeson, 3-1 Bally-Go, 4-1 Paulatim, 6-1 Mithras, 12-1 Brass Change, 25-1 Good Trade, 33-1 Sit And Wait.

1986: (3m 100yd) THE MIGHTY MAC 11-12-7 G Bradley (6-5 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 8 ran

4.0 FINSBURY PAVEMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,439: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

4	0010/00	BRAVE HUSSAR 8 (D,F,G,S) (S Glazer) R Curtis 9-11-8	K Traylor (7)	92
7	1FP110	FINNESKO 56 (CD,BF,GS) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 9-11-7	Mr G Upton (7)	91
8	330213	KAMIR 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Brown) A Jarvis 7-11-5	T Jarvis	88
11	31-F244	MASTER MELODY 36 (CD,F,G,S) (W Hackett) W Hackett 16-10-10	K Ryan (7)	93
15	224100	CRESUN 32 (G,S) (J H Amusements Ltd) Mrs L Clay 8-10-5	J Lovejoy	● 99
18	0F0/0-00	CROWECOPPER 119 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Price) B Preece 8-10-3	G Landau (4)	—
19	00F4P2	SILENT ECHO 12 (F,G,S) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 12-10-3	R Dunwoody	95
21	3P1F01	PRINCE MOON 15 (D,F,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 7-10-1 (7ex)	R Guest (4)	93
25	0043F1	NEVEROF 29 (D,S) (J Mandeville) G Gracey 7-10-0	Dale McKeown (4)	92
26	P022PP-	KINGHOLM QUAY 312 (F,S) (Lady M Mumford) Lady Herries 9-10-0	M Kinane	—

BETTING: 9-4 Finnesko, 7-2 Kamir, 4-1 Prince Moon, 11-2 Cresun, 6-1 Silent Echo, 8-1 Master Melody, 12-1 others.

1986: FINNESKO 8-10-1 K Mooney (6-1) S Christian 14 ran

4.30 SANDY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,488: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

2	0	BISHOPRIC 34 (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-11-3	M Pitman	—
6	42	ELVERCONE 20 (J Phillips) A J Wilson 6-11-3	H Davies	97
8	000	GENERAL BEE 18 (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 5-11-3	D Skyrme (7)	—
9	P0-0	HAND SIGNAL 12 (T Brown) T Brown 6-11-3	—	—
11	24320	ICKWORTH 54 (BF) (Lord Bristol) Mrs D Haine 5-11-3	Mr T Thomson Jones	91
13	0040	KING'S ADVOCATE 25 (R Norton) A Jarvis 5-11-3	NON-RUNNER	91
15	0	LEGAL STAR 20 (C Cottrell) W Charles 5-11-3	T Wall	—
16	002203	MAGIC MOTION 7 (Mrs J Howell) J Edwards 6-11-3	T Morgan	88
17		MERRY ROY (J Twibell) J Twibell 5-11-3	—	—
18		MIDNIGHT OASIS (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-11-3	—	—
20	62	ON THE TWIST 40 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-3	Miss G Armytage (4)	75
21	0	PARK COPSE 54 (J Henderson) N Henderson 5-11-3	S Smith Eccles	—
26	9F00	RICHISLE 12 (P Barrett) B Morgan 7-11-3	C Prince (7)	75
38	1P0	LITTLE SERENITY 6 (G) (Milestrian Ltd) D Gandolfo 6-10-12	M Dwyer	—
39	F	MARSH FLOWER 8 (A Crebbin) C Willett 9-10-12	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)	—
40	0P	MISS KINGLET 63 (P Bowlby) P Bowlby 5-10-12	—	—
45	000/	PATCHIT 1525 (B) (W Haynes) C Willett 8-10-12	—	—
46	0	PROMENADE CONCERT 39 (T Rossiter) M Wilkinson 9-10-12	R Dunwoody	—
49	00403	D'OR'S GEM 13 (B Wine) P Bevan 4-10-10	—	86
50	0220	GREAT GANDER 7 (BF) (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 4-10-10	P Scudamore	● 99
52	P	MAJESTERIUM 12 (Miss E Sneyd) Miss E Sneyd 4-10-10	B Powell	—
53	004200	SCINTILLATOR 18 (J Rigby) J Bukovets 4-10-10	S Cusack (7)	85

BETTING: 5-2 Ickworth, 100-30 Great Gander, 5-1 Elvercone, 13-2 Park Copse, 8-1 On The Twist, 10-1 D'Or's Gem, 12-1 Magic Motion, 14-1 General Bee, 16-1 others.

1986: ASTRAL LADY 5-10-7 D Shaw (12-1) Mrs C Dook 18 ran

5.0 ELTISLEY NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £1,598: 3m) (15 runners)

4	33-331P	MY MAJOR 30 (S) (Mrs G Godfrey) P W Harris 8-11-8	D Skyrme (7)	97
10	F2	BORDER LAD 28 (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-11-1	R Dunwoody	98
14	P0/FFPP	CLEAR MAGIC 120 (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 7-11-1	S Moore	—
16	00/F0PP	COUNT FREDERICK 18 (F) (J Woolgar) S Dow 7-11-1	R Guest (4)	—
17	000P40	DOUBLE UP 19 (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 10-11-1	B Powell	—
20	000	HALLO MATEY 40 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-1	Miss G Armytage (4)	—
22	0F00/0F-	JOLLIFFE'S DOUBLE 482 (F,G) (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 11-11-1	A Carroll	—
24	0-	LEO THE LION 575 (Lady M Mumford) Lady Herries 10-11-1	M Kinane	—
28	0000-00	MICHAEL HOUSE 22 (Miss J Chaser) J Webber 6-11-1	G Mernagh	—
30	3-3F004	ORCHID BAY 11 (B,S) (R Sims) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-1	M Pitman	—
37	P/P0PP0	SEVEN ACRES 9 (B) (G Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 9-11-1	N Babbage	—
45	0PF	THE CHEESEMAN 8 (F Sheridan) F Sheridan 7-11-1	—	—
48	40-000F	TIPO STYLE 12 (S) (D Bentley) P Bevan 6-11-1	J Harris	—
51	3-F23	FLORENCE MAY 51 (R Fairbarns) Mrs S Richardson 8-10-10	P Warner	● 99
53	F-00F00	PENNY FALLS 6 (G Dook) Mrs C Dook 8-10-10	Mr R Morris	88

BETTING: 11-8 Border Lad, 3-1 Orchid Bay, 6-1 Florence May, 8-1 My Major, 10-1 Double Up, 12-1 Joliffe's Double, 16-1 others.

1986: See 2.30 race

5.30 BOURNE LEISURE GROUP NH FLAT RACE (£1,013: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

2	0	BOITHRIN 32 (A Wates) R Gow 5-11-8	Mr T Mitchell (7)	—
3	0	CAESAR'S CAPTAIN 30 (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-8	—	—
7	0	GREYSBY 35 (R Marriott) O Brennan 5-11-8	S Turner (7)	—
8		IMPERIAL CHARTER (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8	W O'Callaghan (7)	—
10		LADYWOOD LAD (J Wales) J Wales 5-11-8	Mr W Wales	—
12		MR GOSSIP (G Rogers) N Henderson 5-11-8	D Hood (7)	—
13		MR MAGPIE (J McCaig) D Grissell 5-11-8	Mr T Grantham (4)	—
14		OPAL GLEN (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 5-11-8	Mr M Curson (7)	—
16		PIONEER RUN (Mrs S Paul) W Paul 5-11-8	—	—
17		PRIORS COPPICE (Mrs E Vestey) N Henderson 5-11-8	M Bowlby (4)	—
20		WOODLANDS GENPOWER (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 5-11-8	—	—
25		ARENISCO (Mrs E Yates) B Preece 4-11-2	P Miller (7)	—
28		CEDAR RUN (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 4-11-2	I Lawrence (7)	—
31		COOL DISTINCTION (J Huckle) C Trietline 4-11-2	A Plaster (7)	—
33	00	GLAD JACK 18 (B Curzon & B Shepherd Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	S Selby (7)	—
35		KEEPSAFE FENCING (B Hatson) P W Harris 4-11-2	D Skyrme (7)	—
36		LEOSAID (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 4-11-2	E Buckley (4)	—
37		LITTLEGOOD GAMBLER (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 4-11-2	Mr L Lay (7)	—
38		MIND YOUR BACK (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-2	—	—
40		PEMBROKE BAY (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	D Byrne (7)	—
41		PENYGROES (P Sugden) G Prest 4-11-2	Mr N Robb (7)	—
43		SAPPERTON (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 4-11-2	R Boucher (7)	—

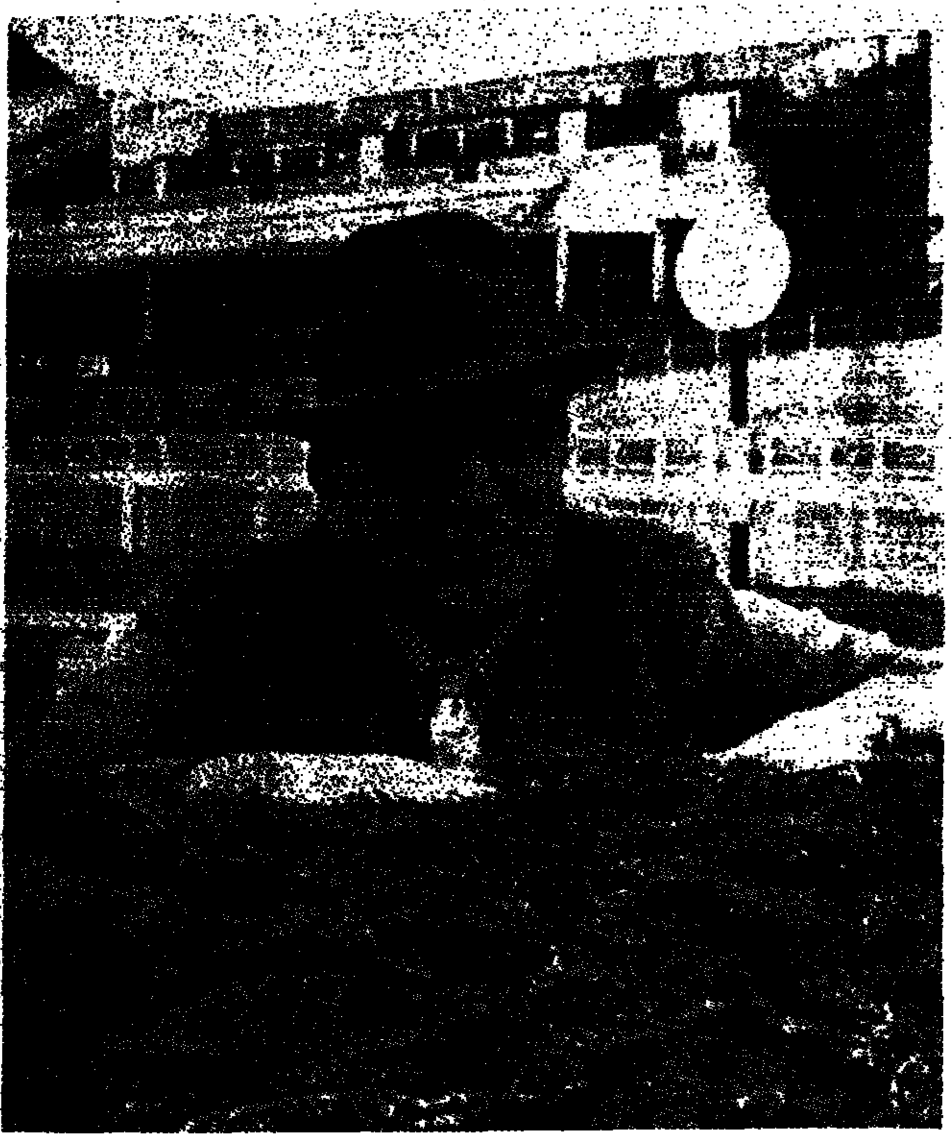
BETTING: 7-4 Pembroke Bay, 5-2 Priors Coppice, 9-2 Opal Glen, 13-2 Mind Your Back, 9-1 Sapperton, 12-1 Penygroes, 14-1 others.

1986: (2m 200yd) DROMAKELLY LAD 5-11-3 Mr C Brooks (3-1) F Winter 22 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
J Edwards	6	14	42.9
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	33	27.3
O Sherwood	6	22	27.3
D Gandolfo	13	68	19.1
P Harris	8	42	19.0
J Gifford	31	168	18.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Dwyer	8	17	47.1
S Smith Eccles	29	133	21.8
Miss G Armytage	5	23	21.7
H Davies	17	89	19.1
G McCourt	15	97	15.5
R Rowe	20	132	15.2



Sprucing up Aintree: clerk of the course, John Hughes, standing at the famous Chair fence as he supervises the final preparations for Saturday's spectacular

Transforming Aintree from prairie to paradise

With only three days to go to the Seagram Grand National, the yearly transformation of Aintree has taken place.

With a magic that the Royal Opera could hardly better, the land that has been called a "derelict prairie" has again grown its own Dawson City of temporary Tote booths, hospitality suites, acres of blue and white tents, and great steel structures to accommodate thousands.

The lawn in front of the County Stand is fresh with daffodils and polyanthus. New paint gleams on the press conference centre. The springy Aintree turf, galloped by nearly 150 National winners, is cylinder-rolled, ready, and ideal jumping ground. Even dark clouds overtaking a patch of blue sky give a hint of the colours of the favourite, West Tip, for the big day.

Hughes in the driving seat

But the countdown still goes on, and so do the worries. Notably for John Hughes, clerk of the course, impresario of Aintree, and a man to whom much is owed for helping to restore the glory of the world's greatest steeplechase.

He showed me a colour photograph of the course taken at 7 a.m. on the day of the race last year. It looked like sunrise over Siberia.

For Hughes, it represents the stuff of which nightmares are made. He says: "I was staying in Southport, and I woke up to a wonderful bright sunny day. I set off for the course, I suppose, about 6.40 a.m. and then, two miles from Aintree, I ran into it. Snow! I nearly had a fit. I'm not exaggerating when I tell you I was really terrified."

With this in mind, and the recent warning from Cheltenham Gold Cup day of what a blizzard can do to racing, it is not surprising that the run-up to the National is a nail-biting time for everyone concerned with getting the three-day Aintree festival into action.

Already the weather has dealt a blow in more than one sense of the word. Last week's prodigious westerlies, sweeping in across Liverpool from the Atlantic, smashed a section of the roof of the unsaddling enclosure, snapped off at the roots a couple of the 20-feet maypoles lent to adorn the entrance to the course, tore spruce dressing from some of the fences, and attacked the "tented village" in the centre of the course.

The damage has quickly been made good, but Hughes says: "Now if that happened the night before the Grand National, then we *would* have problems."

Nor is the weather the sole anxiety; many imponderables determine how many will take the road to Aintree, not only for Saturday's great event, but for the top-class National Hunt racing which surrounds it.

Will there be crowd-pullers, such as an action replay tomorrow from the Cheltenham Gold Cup with Cybrandian and gallant old Wayward Lad re-enacting their tussle, and Bolands Cross out to show he was no mean fancy for that race when coming down?. When best to parade Aldaniti to the crowds at the end of his long fund-raising trek? What effect will the TV programme on the Queen Mother have? And TV previews? And the press coverage? The concern seems endless, even down to the effect of advertisements in pubs: "Join our coach party".

On this front at least, the signs are promising. Only three years ago, the number of coach parties was just over 200. This year, it looks like being more than 700.

Also the highest-ever number of firm reservations has been made, bearing fruit from the 100,000 leaflets that went out as far back as last October. No wonder National Hunt sport is seen to be booming.

In this context, the drive of 60-year-old John Hughes and his team is reflected in attendance figures which are going up by about 10,000 per year for the three-day meeting. For the Thursday programme alone in 1986, there were more paying customers than for Grand National day itself in 1974, the year before Hughes took over as clerk of the course.

This Saturday the Seagram Grand National will be the first £100,000 National Hunt race to be run in Britain. To match the sponsors' boost, the hopes are for another National Hunt record attendance of around 60,000, more than £1 million turnover from the meeting for the now profitable racecourse which reaped its income not only in gate and reservation receipts, but from television and other contracts to advertisement hoardings and from souvenirs to the eye-catching racecards.

All this, of course, is aside from the huge amount racegoers will spend on champagne and smoked salmon, beer and ham sandwiches — and the tens of millions which will go through bookmakers and the Tote's hands in Britain's biggest betting day of the year.

To achieve it all, of course, takes more than simply John Hughes. More than 200 people take part in the preparation for the annual re-birth of Aintree as a racecourse (for the rest of the year, it is heavily booked for a great variety of events, from Pony Club camps to religious festivals). On National Day, the Aintree staff swells to 2,000: caterers, car-park personnel, gatemen, police and so on.

The organization is led by John Parrett, the general manager. He explains the effort needed to conjure up in a few days tented villages, miles of scaffolding for huge temporary stands, and every small detail. He says: "It's all a highly co-ordinated effort. There's no rehearsal; we've got to get it right first time."

Formidable fences that are unique

Beyond this there are features without which Aintree would not be Aintree and which defy overnight construction: the fences. From Becher's to The Chair, a formidable 5ft 2in, made of thorn with a foot of spruce dressing, with a 6ft ditch, they are the reasons why the National is unique and why the horses and riders who jump them are of no ordinary stature.

The fences have to be maintained all year round, and Bob Dixon, course foreman, in charge of it all, says: "After the National, it takes us a month to put all the fences right again."

Before then there will have been another unforgettable spectacle, and tens of thousands will have cheered another Aintree hero in the records beside Manifesto, Golden Miller and Red Rum.

Jack Waterman

Crayke to beat strong field in *Times* qualifier

Point-to-Point
By Brian Beel

Two of Saturday's postponed meetings, the Grafton and the Ross Harriers, are added to the scheduled fixture for this afternoon's Point-to-point, the Tiverton Staghounds.

There is quality as well as quantity in *The Times Championship* qualifier at the Tiverton. The race will not be easy to win with 17 of the 44 entries rated within 7lb of each other.

Arctic Mariner has sound claims on his Wincanton form when he was third in a 2m 5f hunter chase from 18 runners, but Crayke appears to possess greater potential and provided he can put in a clear round is the one they all have to beat.

At the Grafton there is also a high-class field for the Audi Qualifier with Sunylyn, Dromore Castle, White Paper, and Straits among the entries.

In the corresponding event at the Ross Harriers, Paddy's Peril cannot be opposed.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Grafton, Mollington, 6 miles north of Banbury, off A423, (First race 12.00); Ross Harriers, Garnons, 7 miles west of Hereford, off A438, (2.00); Tiverton Staghounds, Bishopsleigh, 10 miles north-west of Crediton, off A377, (2.00).

Track owners likely to stand against Big Four

By John Goodbody

Most of the owners of Britain's 36 greyhound tracks are likely to demand tomorrow a stand against the Big Four bookmakers' dominance of Satellite Information Services (SIS) which from May 1 can beam racing into 10,200 betting shops.

The urgent meeting of the track-owners in London has been called because of the worry that Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca are acquiring a monopoly of the sport. The Office of Fair Trading is already investigating their role, and it has also been the subject of several questions in Parliament.

Fred Underhill, secretary of the British Greyhound Racing Board, said yesterday: "Every track operation under National Greyhound Racing Club rules has been asked to attend. A proposed agreement has been circulated to all of them under which they are asked to give the Board the legal right to negotiate with SIS on behalf of the whole sport."

The Board, which has representatives from all sections of the sport under the chairmanship of Lord Francis Newall, wants 10 per cent of the equity in SIS, similar to the holding of the Racecourse Association on behalf of the horse-racing tracks. The income from the Board's shares would be used to develop facilities in a sport in which the annual total of spectators has dropped from 15 million to 3.8 million since 1961.

The Big Four own four of the six tracks licensed by the Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Services (BAGS): Ladbrokes has Crayford and Wolverhampton and Coral, Brighton and Romford.

There is a fear that the track owners among the Big Four, who own 45 per cent of shares in SIS, may refuse to sign the agreement and could break away from the Board. But this might strengthen the stand against the Big Four and also give further evidence to the OFT of the extent that the four bookmaking chains are trying to control the sport.

Much may depend on the attitude of the owners of Bristol and Hackney, the other two BAGS-licensed tracks. If they decide to join all the other tracks, which have evening racing only, then the Big Four tracks would be isolated.

TENNIS

LTA take illiberal view of Edinburgh

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, Yannick Noah, Mats Wilander, Jimmy Connors, Tim Mayotte, Pat Cash and Kevin Curren are expected to complete in the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club from June 8 to 14. The leading doubles teams should be Ken Flach and Robert Seguso and Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburg.

For the first time the advanced ticket sales have exceeded £200,000 (without advertising) and, consequently, will cover the prize fund. The last three days of the tournament are sold out and corporate hospitality (business entertainment) is 95 per cent sold out.

A special feature of the event is that spectators who see less than two hours play on the centre court from Monday to Saturday will be given seats for the next day — or their money back. As a bonus, with the unemployment figures in mind, it may be added that the Stella Artois tournament creates almost 500 temporary jobs.

All this emerged yesterday during a Press conference held in a London brewery — always a guarantee of a good attendance. It happens every year when Stella Artois want to give the public a nudge about the annual Queen's Club tournament. The news succeeded the *poire d'avocat*, the *selle d'agneau*, and the rest.

The promoters are naturally concerned that Ivan Lendl will be competing in Edinburgh the same week. This is a new and controversial promotion — opposed by the Stella Artois organizers and, less defensively, by the Lawn Tennis Association.

Tournament promoters, understandably, like to corner all the celebrities, but the LTA should take a wider view — seeing in the Edinburgh tournament the seeds of another distinguished pre-Wimbledon event on grass. There are enough ticket-selling celebrities to go round — enough to make a success of two or even three tournaments during either week of the fortnight preceding Wimbledon.

Hu's big win

Hu Na gratefully accepted the biggest victory of her career when she defeated Kathy Rinaldi, of the United States, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the US women's indoor championships in Piscataway, New Jersey, yesterday (Barry Woods writes).

Miss Hu, who was China's No. 1 player in 1981 and 1982, defected to the United States during the 1982 Federation Cup in California. She has threatened for some time to become a major force in the game.

RESULTS: (US unless stated): Hu Na bt K Rinaldi, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; S Hanika (WG) bt J Durie (GB), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; G Fernandez bt J Forman, 6-1, 6-0; M Wardel bt K McDaniel, 6-4, 6-1; W Turnbull (Aus) bt L Allen, 7-6, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 6-4, 6-0.

CRICKET: EDMONDS'S SHOULDER INJURY DELAYS CUP SQUAD DECISION

England team step off the plane and head for the practice nets

From Ivo Tennant, Sharjah

Square glancing: Stewart keeps an eye on England's training

Within hours of arriving in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, early yesterday, England were undergoing a rigorous training and fielding session in the impressive stadium here. Heavy rainfall over the last week — three inches have fallen since Friday — had caused consternation that the ground would not be fit for play by tomorrow, the opening day of the tournament, but it has dried remarkably quickly.

Today, England will have a session in the two cement nets at the ground, followed by more fielding practice. They have been quoted — in a country where betting is supposedly forbidden — at 10 to 1. Pakistan are favourites among the four nations competing, at 5 to 2.

"That is a good price for us," Mickey Stewart, England's team manager, said yesterday. "We have not played for two months whereas the other countries taking part have been playing regular cricket over the last few weeks."

The top of the pitch that is being prepared for England's opening match against India tomorrow is wet under the surface but dry on top and it would have been possible to play on it yesterday. England will delay naming their side from their 13-man squad until tomorrow morning, partly because Edmonds has a shoulder injury. He did not bowl at the net session at Chelmsford's indoor school over the weekend.

Some details of the competition, to be called the Sharjah Cup, will not be determined until this evening, although Asif Iqbal, the former Kent and Pakistan cricketer who is now the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series Co-ordinator, said yesterday that the matches would be of 50 overs a side and would start at 9am. No bowler will be allowed to bowl more than 10 overs. If two countries finish level on points at the end of the tournament, the outcome will be decided by fastest run rate.

Not everybody fancies England to win. There is a feeling among cricket followers here that England should have sent a stronger side, however jaded some of their players might be after their long tour of Australia.

The Indian and Australian teams also arrived yesterday. Pakistan are due today, but without Imran Khan, their captain. For personal reasons he will not be here until April 5, which means that he will be able to play against England on April 7.

The stadium can now seat 18,000 in relative comfort. Last-minute repairs were going on yesterday. It is axiomatic that the ground is not used regularly as the sightscreens are made up of immovable short white walls.

Yet the stadium is of pleasant design. The grass is lush, a small hedge has been grown in front of the dressing rooms and fans have been installed in the VIP box. There are even telephones that work. This ground is more a miracle than a mirage.

● Two parties of 25 of the world's leading cricketers will be announced today for the bicentenary match between the Rest of the World and MCC at Lord's in August. The Rest of the World party, which will be led by Allan Border, the Australian captain, is to be announced live on BBC's *Sportsnight* programme.

The MCC players have been selected by Mike Gatting, the England captain, Peter May, the England chairman of selectors, and Colin Cowdrey, the MCC president, and drawn from those who take part in the county championship, thus opening the way for a representation of overseas celebrities. The MCC side will be captained by Gatting.

The prize-money alone makes the match an attractive proposition for those ultimately selected. The winning side will receive £30,000, the losers £14,000, not to mention individual cash awards.

The total of 50 players will be reduced to two teams of eleven at the end of May, for a match arranged to celebrate the 200th birthday of the game's most famous club.

REAL TENNIS

Davies sets successful pace

By William Stephens

Wayne Davies became the first Australian world champion when he took the final leg of the George Wimpey world championship challenge by 2-1 from Chris Ronaldson at Queen's Club yesterday. Davies won 6-5, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-5, 2-6, 6-2. The feat was remarkable because Davies had never won at Queen's and his record against Ronaldson was poor.

Davies's game has matured considerably since the first of his three challenges in 1983, when pace was his mainstay. In this championship he played pensively with deft touch and control, mixing the pace and masking the direction of his shots to test Ronaldson's footwork and agility.

Davies relied mainly on precise giraffe and boomerang services to pin Ronaldson down. Few of the champion's services troubled him; his boasted forces to the dedans were accurate and he gained the service end at will by laying long chases.

Davies imparted severe cut on the ball and was persistent and nimble in retrieving; he induced frequent errors by Ronaldson, who was trying to attack. The champion missed many winning openings and, while his touch was lacking, Davies excelled in taking the ball off the tambour and defending the grille.

Ronaldson had been nervous and tentative throughout most of the challenge, whereas Davies, despite having undergone arthroscopic surgery on his knee was sharp and confident.

Davies says he benefited by his eliminator with Lachlan Deuchar, during the latter stages of which he faced the best tennis of his life. Ronaldson was renowned for being at his best under pressure, but yesterday served a double fault at 5-5 to lose the first set; Davies, however, won each of the 5-5 sets in the eliminator and challenge.

RESULT: W Davies (Aus) bt C Ronaldson (GB), 6-5, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-5, 2-6, 6-2. Davies wins the best-of-18-sets match by seven sets to four.

YACHTING

Admiral's Cup coffers gain £65,000 fillip

James Capel, a City stockbroker, is to sponsor Britain's 1987 Admiral's Cup team for the sum of £65,000 (Malcolm McKeag writes). Jonathan Bradbeer, the vice-commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, made the announcement in London yesterday.

Most of the money will be spent covering the costs of the extensive training programme the yachts and crews undertake, and paying team expenses during the event, to be held in August.

So far the representatives of 17 yachts have indicated their intention to try for a place in the three-boat team.

SPORTS LETTERS

Attitudes to the Boat Race

From Mr John P. McCarthy

Sir, As an American at Cambridge, I am puzzled by attitudes toward the Boat Race. Donald Macdonald "did it his way", but why wasn't that way good enough from the beginning? The joke is on "old British values", because clearly no one connected with either the Oxford or Cambridge Boat Club seemed, until Saturday, to have much faith in them. The violation of "the amateur spirit" can't be pinned solely on a wayward batch of Americans. The fact that the Oxford crew, after their first defeat in eleven years, felt the need for a wholesale importation of American rowers/scholars is symptomatic not only of a professional attitude toward sport, but of what ails England in general: a professional inferiority complex. Anyone could foresee there might be tensions with the Americans, and I am no apologist for their behaviour. (Perhaps we Americans suffer from an amateurish superiority complex.) But from one perspective it looks as though pygmies brought them in on pedestals and then reneged when they behaved like giants. Such acts of *ressentiment* are laughable and lack dignity.

I hope that after the outcome of Saturday's race those who care deeply for this great national sporting event — the Boat Clubs past, present and future, plus (assumedly) the public in general — take heart. You don't need foreigners to beat each other.

Sincerely,
JOHN P. McCARTHY,
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

From Mr R.B. Bruce Lockhart

Sir, Well rowed Oxford! Well done Cambridge! That'll teach them to try to run our Boat Race for us! Let's hope it will revert more to an undergraduate, amateur race. Now, at least, we old 'Tabs can slip back happily to the comforting age-old toast of "G.D.B.O.!".

Yours faithfully,
R.B. BRUCE LOCKHART,
Saul Hill,
Kendal, Cumbria.

Rugby holidays

From Mr Simon Cohen

Sir, You have recently given publicity to the Scottish Rugby Union statement regarding The Andy Irvine School of Rugby to be held at Loretto from July 18 to 25.

In the interests of the game, I hope that it will be possible for you to give the same publicity to the feelings of those who are responsible for the development of the game in schools and clubs. This is because The Andy Irvine School was organized at the request of many of them. Many boys from Scotland have attended Rugbyclass holidays in England and they and their friends wanted a holiday with a Scottish flavour that did not entail so much travelling.

Rugbyclass offer a rugby based activity holiday. The SRU offer such intensive "invitation only" coaching course. The two opportunities do not, in any way, present a clash of ideals. It can only, therefore, be in the best interests of the game for boys to have this option of going on an activity holiday which stimulates their interest in sport. The fact that the Rugbyclass coaches include some of the best youth coaches in Britain can hardly be "not in the best interests of the game".

The way that the SRU has handled this situation must raise serious doubts about their ability to stay in touch with the grassroots feelings about the game. Their statements also did a great disservice to two of Scottish rugby's most loyal servants, Andy Irvine and Loretto College, who, at least, had taken the trouble to find out what Rugbyclass was all about. Andy Irvine has coached on similar courses in England and having seen, at first hand, the benefit that boys derive from rugby holidays, agreed to help stimulate interest in the game in Scotland. He did not infringe any amateur regulations and indeed two boys who will suffer from the SRU's decision will be the two under privileged children who had free holidays donated to the SRU by Rugbyclass, at Andy's insistence, in lieu of any fee.

Another disturbing element in the way the SRU has acted is that it has been done without finding out any facts. Even now, Mr Hogg, the SRU Secretary, refuses to even discuss with Rugbyclass whether there is any way in which Rugbyclass can aid the SRU with the development of the game in Scotland.

Regrettably, there is a decline in the number of people who are taking part in sporting activities and rugby is suffering along the way. Activity holidays are a way of arresting this decline and the SRU's attitude will only affect those boys who want to enjoy their rugby in a holiday atmosphere.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could point out, that not only is the holiday at Loretto very definitely operating but it is proving to be the most popular venue.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON COHEN,
Managing Director, Rugbyclass,
16 Chestergate,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

A French lesson

From Mr David Emms

Sir, Although the French still courteously describe the English as *les professeurs du rugby*, they have so much to teach us; and we are so slow to learn from them.

First, we specialize far too early (as in our educational system). No French youngster in his early seasons is permitted to see himself as an *avant* or as a *trois-quart*; all must master all the skills, be prepared to play in any position — and be able to kick with either foot.

Secondly, young players in France learn their skills in the junior sides of clubs, playing matches as "curtain-raisers" to the main club fixture. Given the sad decline of Rugby football (and of other team games) in many maintained schools, should not English clubs be encouraged by the RFU to redouble their efforts in mini-rugby?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EMMS,
London House,
Mecklenburgh Square, WC1.

The decline of school sport

From Mrs Nancy Gregory

Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh has recently expressed his concern at the serious decline in sport in Britain's schools, and has called on local authorities to stop selling off playing fields for development.

His Royal Highness's words appear to leave the authorities unmoved. Here in Brampton, a sizeable and growing village, our schools are threatened with the loss of two pitches out of a total of three. In reply to our protest that we have too many children to fit on one pitch alone, Cambridgeshire County Council informs us that it is not the usual practice for primary pupils to be taught a proper game of football; they should apparently work across the pitch or in grids. We are told that it is possible to have an "educational experience" on a much smaller patch of grass than a football pitch.

If this is the prevailing attitude to school sport, small wonder that standards are falling.

Yours faithfully,
NANCY GREGORY,
The Elms,
10 High Street,
Brampton,
Huntingdon, Cambs.

From Mr Grahame Seymour

Sir, I read (March 24) of Mr Kinnock presenting Mr Cliff Morgan with a rugby shirt of Tonyrefail Grammar School. This action leaves me a little confused.

I hear in London that some Labour controlled councils positively discourage competitive games in school and here is their leader apparently condoning the competitive spirit. Or perhaps be told Mr Morgan where he can put his old school rugby shirt!

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME SEYMOUR,
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King's College London,
Strand, WC2.

Vigilance pays off

From Mr Jeff Randall

Sir, In his book review (March 19) Woodrow Wyatt repeats the old canard that the Tote offers punters better value than do bookmakers. But his chosen evidence — Tote returns compared with starting price odds — tells only half the story.

At most racecourses throughout Britain, there are normally upwards of twenty bookmakers taking bets. So it is not too difficult for the vigilant punter to beat SP odds. The many who do, however, are not included in Mr Wyatt's calculations.

More important still is the distorting effect that a substantial wager has on the Tote at a minor meeting. A £200 bet at a small course like Cartmel would, more often than not, swamp the Tote, with the result that the punter concerned gets no value at all.

The Tote undoubtedly has a place in British racing, but I am afraid that, not for the first time, Mr Wyatt has used statistics to overstate its worth to gambling racegoers.

Yours faithfully,
JEFF RANDALL,
10 Weald Road,
Brentwood, Essex.

RACING

Dunwoody's lucky escape on Burnt Oak

By Alan Lee

In no more than a few strides at Sandown Park yesterday, the prospect of a Royal double vanished, an equine hero died and the rider of the Grand National favourite escaped potentially serious injury.

This dramatic and distressing sequence of events came at the climax of a thrilling three-mile chase, which ended in victory for Memberson, gallant defeat for the Queen Mother's Sunrising and tragedy for the connections of Burnt Oak.

David Nicholson's front running 11-year-old, a popular winner of the Grand Military Gold Cup on this course earlier this month, collapsed and died of heart failure as jockey Richard Dunwoody tried to pull him up before the last fence.

Dunwoody, who reported to a heart-broken Nicholson and owner Brigadier Roscoe Harvey that he had thought he would win as the field entered the straight, explained: "he wobbled after jumping the second last. I feared he had broken down and took him wide of the last fence but he simply dropped dead under me."

Dunwoody rides West Tip in Saturday's Grand National and declares the horse to be "bouncing" but he was undoubtedly lucky to get up and walk away unscathed from this incident, which passed initially unnoticed as the crowds attention was riveted on the battle up front.

Memberson, 16lb out of the handicap, was winning for the second time in a week and depriving Tim Forster, trainer of the runner-up Western Sunset, of a double to cheer him at a difficult time for his virus-riddled stable.

Forster collected a good prize when Quarrier and his rider Tim Thompson Jones comfortably won the Royal Artillery Gold Cup for the third time in four years.

The day had begun with a victory for the Queen Mother and the TV crew, who had patiently shadowed her on racing trips for four months without capturing one win, must have wrung their hands as The Argonaut won for the second time in the three weeks since they stopped filming.

National Hunt's favourite lady, the subject of ITV's 'Royal Champion' documentary this Friday, was on hand at her favourite course to see Mark Bradstock, assistant to trainer Fulke Walwyn, drive The Argonaut home in the Downs Handicap Chase.

He held on by a fast diminishing length from Fred Winter's grey Malya Mal, but the placings would surely have been reversed if the runner-up had not blundered badly at the final fence.

Champion jockey Peter Scudamore rode Malya Mal in place of Richard Linley, sidelined for two weeks now with a dislocated shoulder and forced to postpone his comeback once again on medical advice.

Compensation for Scudamore arrived in the Royal Ordnance Handicap Chase. Held up at the rear early on, Hazy Sunset confirmed the suspicion that he is best when fresh by running on powerfully to beat a competitive field of two-milers on his first outing of the season.

The victory of Josh Gifford's Lucky Rascal in the £6,000 added British Aerospace Rapier Novices' Chase was a considerable surprise — not least to the trainer.

"I honestly didn't think he would be good enough for this," admitted Gifford. "I was also pretty sure he would need the run as he had missed a lot of work since having stitches in a hind leg after his last run at Huntingdon".

Lucky Rascal, a useful hurdler two seasons ago, was winning for the first time over fences and adding insult to the supporters of Cavvies Clown. After three falls in five races, David Elsworth's talented novice got round this time but could finish only second.

This was Gifford's 50th winner of the season and with a strong Liverpool team, plus a probable attempt for the Whitbread Gold Cup with Door Latch, the elusive trainers' championship is still in his sights.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Leicester

Going: soft

2.15 (7f) 1, **BIN SHADDAD** (T Ives, 4-6 fav); 2, **Zola Zoom** (Gay Kelleway, 12-1); 3, **Sphinx** (T Quinn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Portentous, 12 First Avenue (5th), 20 Cimber, Divine Charger, Parkers Joy, Spacial, 33 Chantry Boy, It's A Battle, Mont Arthur (4th), Ragtime Solo, Roan Reel, St Clair Charger (6th), Busted Harmony, Call For Taylor, Girl In Green, Lifetide, Oxstall's Lady. 20 ran. 2l, 2½l, 6l, ½l, 2l. L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £11.00. CSF: £10.76

2.45 (5f) 1, **CATIMINI** (R Hills, 4-1); 2, **Restless Don** (P Cook, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, **Isle Bridge** (R Cochrane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Turned Down, 7-2 Zanad (6th), 11-2 Miegall (5th), 8 Bell Captain (4th), 10 Decanna, 25 Mr Chatter Man. 9 ran. 2l, 5l, nk, 1l, ½l. John FitzGerald at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £2.30, £1.30, £3.50. DF: £8.40. CSF: £18.43

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, **ISLAND KING** (M Hills, 4-1); 2, **Uee's Pet** (G Brown, 10-1); 3, **Vision Of Wonder** (M Melham, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Green Laleek (4th), 6 Pathias, 7 Ribogirl, 12 Blusher, 14 Tyred N'Snookered (6th), 20 Arqusal Redwood, 25 Kind Of Class (5th). 10 ran. 2½l, 7l, 8l, 4l, 1½l. J Hindley at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90 £2.30, £1.80, £3.60. DF: £27.30. CSF: £40.82.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, **SIR CRUSTY** (A Dicks, 10-1); 2, **Marsoom** (R Morse, 8-1); 3, **Celtic Dove** (J Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Expletive (5th), 5 Free On Board (4th), 11-2 Visual Identity, 13-2 L'Hirondelle, 12 No Credibility, 14 Highdale, 20 Rio Deva, 25 Road To Kells (6th), Bully Boy. 12 ran. 2l, nk, sh hd, 2½l, nk. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £10.70; £2.40 £2.70 £6.90. DF: £96.70. CSF: £79.60. Tricast: £1,010.17.

4.15 (1m) 1, **LITTLEFIELD** (T Ives, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, **Hooray Lady** (T Quinn, 6-4 jt-fav); 3, **Paddanda Belle** (P Cook, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Miss Sarajane (5th), 25 Amber Espana (4th), 50 Scallykath (6th). 6 ran. NR: Goodnight Master. 2½l, 1½l, hd, 8l, 10l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.73.

4.45 (5f) 1, **ALWAYS A LADY** (P Waldron, 8-1); 2, **Fox Path** (S Meacock, 14-1); 3, **Rimbeau** (A Clark, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Speculate (4th), 7-2 Woodmen Weaver (6th), 11-2 Non-Fiction, 6 Petting Party, 20 Dohty Baby, Profit A Prendre (5th), 33 Flapper Girl, Scarning Shadylady. 11 ran. ½l, hd, hd, 1l, 1l. J Holt at Basingstoke. Tote: £12.70; £3.90, £3.80, £3.20. DF: £45.30. CSF: £103.65. Tricast: £750.70.

Placepot: £445.35

Ayr

Going: heavy

2.0 (1m 2f) 1, **JUST THE TICKET** (P Burke, 9-1); 2, **Mister Point** (W Goodwin, 6-4 fav); 3, **The Footman** (M Lowe, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Fourth Tudor (5th), 12 Maltir (4th). 5 ran. NR: My Denny Boy. 2½l, 5l, 5l, 4l. C Booth at Flaxton. Tote: £11.80; £3.00, £1.30. DF: £6.40. CSF: £20.98. 2min 33.99sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, **NOT SO SILLY** (D M White, 33-1); 2, **Glory Gold** (A MacKay, 12-1); 3, **Hidden Gift** (J H Brown, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Oh Boyar (6th), 4 U-Bix Copy (4th), 15-2 Cooper Racing Nail (5th), 10 Global, 14 Dancing Tom, Mr Berkeley, 33 Peruvian Mandrake, Wane's Better Deal. 11 ran. NR: Winnies Luck. 1½l, 1½l, nk, sh hd, ¾l. Tote: £129.00; £22.80, £5.70, £2.90. DF: £113.60. CSF: £354.44. Sold A Bailey 2,600 guineas. After stewards inquiry result stands. 1min 25.06sec.

3.0 (5f) 1, **PASHMINA** (K Hodgson, 5-2 fav); 2, **Five Sixes** (J Quinn, 9-1); 3, **Artful Maid** (A Mackay, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Glencroft, 4 Gardenia Lady (4th), 12 Metroman (5th), 14 Step By Step (6th). 7 ran. 2l, 4l, nk, 3l, 5l. T Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £3.30. DF: £5.60. CSF: £21.19. 1min 09.83sec.

3.30 (7f) 1, **JUST CLASS** (J Lowe, 100-30); 2, **Kirowan** (G Carter, 5-4 fav); 3, **Scottish Fling** (T Sprake, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Red Twilight (5th), 20 Young Warrior (4th). 5 ran. 10l, 6l, ¾l, 1l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.55. 1min 41.63sec.

4.0 (1m) 1, **WINDMEDE** (K Darley, 7-2); 2, **Philotas** (L Charnock, 11-4); 3, **African Opera** (J Lowe, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Sparsholt Breeze (5th), 8 Dashing Cavalier (4th), 20 Comedy Fun, 25 Matchlessly (6th). 7 ran. Up The Ladder. 8l, 15l, 2½l, 2l, 15l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £11.99. 1min 58.62sec.

4.30 (1m 5f) 1, **GUNNER MAC** (J Lowe, 16-1); 2, **Mr Gardiner** (G Duffield, 12-1); 3, **Wildrush** (K Hodgson, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Ben's Birdie (4th), 9-2 Appealiana, 6 Miami In Spring, 9 Marina Plata, 14 Al Shamikh (6th), Hyokin (5th). 9 ran. ¾l, 6l, ½l, 6l, 2½l. N Bycroft at Brandsby. Tote: £13.30; £3.20, £8.30, £1.10. DF: £71.90. CSF: £165.75. Tricast: £626.52. 3min 23.50sec.

Placepot: £1,336.90.

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

2.0 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1, **THE ARGONAUT** (Mr M Bradstock, 9-4); 2, **Malya Mal** (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav); 3, **Mister Donut** (W Irvine, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Premier Charlie (5th), 7 Our Fun (6th), 25 Cilerna Jet (4th). 6 ran. 1l, 20l, 4l, 10l, not taken. F Walwyn at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.42.

2.30 (2m 4f 68yd) 1, **LUCKY RASCAL** (R Rowe, 12-1); 2, **Cavvies Clown** (R Arnott, 13-8 fav); 3, **Friendly Henry** (B Powell, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dunkirk (4th), 7 Powys (pu), Bowden (f), 20 Braunston Brook, 25 Beltrent (5th), Pelion (f), 33 Pippen's Glory (6th). 10 ran. 2l, 10l, 10l, 10l, 30l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £8.90; £1.80, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £11.90. CSF: £30.40.

3.0 (3m 118yd ch) 1, **QUARRIER** (Mr T Thomson Jones, 9-4); 2, **De Pluvinel** (Mr J Trice-Rolfe, 100-1); 3, **Wait For Me** (Mr J Curnow, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Rattlin' Jack (ur), 9 Turn Blue (6th), 10 Optimum (4th), 33 Lexador (pu), Prydel (bd), 50 Redenham (f), 100 Coolcotts (ur), Charlton Foxtrot (5th), Just A Kinsman. 12 ran. 1½l, 2l, 20l, 1l, not taken. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £8.80, £2.80. DF: £105.80. CSF: £125.03.

3.35 (2m 18yd ch) 1, **HAZY SUNSET** (P Scudamore, 8-1); 2, **Hope End** (C Jones, 8-1); 3, **Clay Hill** (R Rowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav St William (5th), 7-2 Kilbrittain Castle (4th), 6 Left Bank, 50 Eurolink Boy (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 7l, 2l, 12l, 1l. F Winter at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.80; £3.80, £3.80. DF: £35.00. CSF: £58.26.

4.5 (3m 118yd ch) 1, **MEMBERSON** (B Powell, 9-1); 2, **Western Sunset** (H Davies, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, **I Haventalight** (P Scudamore, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Burnt Oak (pu), 11-4 Sun Rising (4th), 20 Skegby (5th). 6 ran. 1l, 15l, sh hd, 20l. P Dufosee at Warminster. Tote: £10.30; £2.70 £1.90. DF: £18.00. CSF: £30.01.

4.35 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1, **ROYAL JUDGEMENT** (Mr P Hacking, 10-11 fav); 2, **Gentle Approach** (Mr A Hill, 9-1); 3, **Young Lover** (Mr T Thomson Jones, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Corked, 14 Stand Back (6th), 16 Light Demon (5th), 20 Arabian Music, 100 Buck And Wing, Weston Favell (pu), Celtic Beauty (4th), Tarquin's Lord (ref). 11 ran. 4l, sh hd, 3½l, 10l, ½l. Lady Rootes at Ashford. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £5.70. CSF: £9.37.

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● Lord John FitzGerald, who had eleven winners from as many horses in his first season training last year, scored with his first two-year-old runner of the season, Catamini, in the Bescaby Maiden Stakes at Leicester yesterday.

Lord John won the race last year with Sizzling Melody, who went on to capture the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, but the winning trainer said: "I'll be surprised if Catimini emulates Sizzling Melody, who never hid his light under a bushel and had a good horse stamped all over him from December. Catamini is very small but is an active horse and is the first winner from the sire Coquelin."

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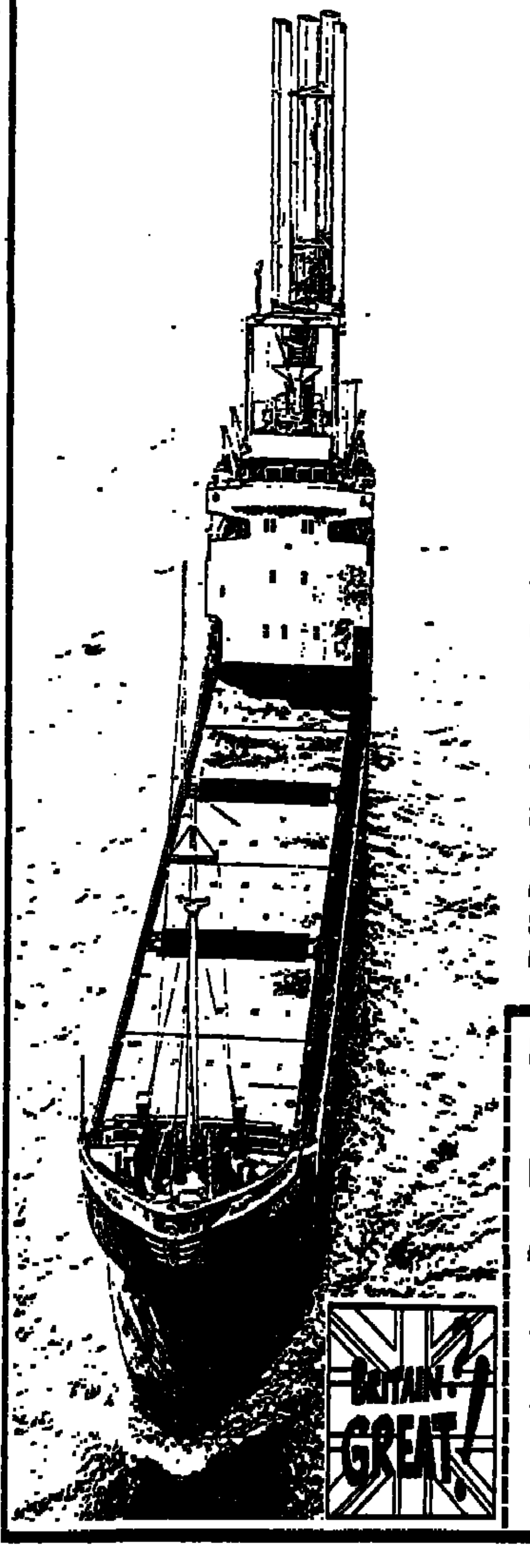

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RUGBY UNION

NZ Barbarians promise to give Arms Park a final game to remember

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The New Zealand Barbarians bid farewell to Britain tonight when they conclude their golden jubilee tour against the original Barbarians in Cardiff. I doubt if we have seen the last of them for this year, however; they field a dozen internationals in defence of their unbeaten tour record, several of whom will surely feature in the All Blacks's World Cup party.

David Kirk, their scrum half and captain, said yesterday: "We haven't played that well so far. We've produced a few patches of good play without yet maintaining it for anything like the full 80 minutes. Our results make good reading, but we're not fooling ourselves. The game against the Barbarians is the one that matters and we'd like to make it a memorable farewell. We want to win, first and foremost, but we'd also like to win with a bit of style."

Style is not always a word one applies to New Zealander rugby: hard, direct, systematic perhaps but on this tour John Schuster has indicated that there is entertainment, too, in this party. Kirk has an eye for the gap and the speed to exploit it and the selection of Alan Whetton ahead of as good a flanker as Dirk Williams indicates the back-row quality available.

It has been difficult to find fixtures of the appropriate strength for the New Zealanders, who have romped through their four games to score 27 tries and 159 points – and this when they have not played 15-a-side rugby since last November. The Barbarians, too, have been inhibited in their selection by the proximity of the final round of the Five Nations championship this weekend which has seen the withdrawal from their original XV of Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre required by Wales on Saturday against Ireland.

Kirk: clash with Loveridge

Serge Blanco, the Biarritz full back, has not recovered from rib-cartilage damage sustained during France's Grand Slam game against Ireland; his place goes to Jean-Baptiste Lafond, another Frenchman, while Kevin Simms – who is probably still working out what he had done to be dropped by England for Saturday's game against Scotland – comes in for Ring.

Simms, May, Russell and Skinner could do themselves some good in the eyes of their national selectors tonight and it will be fascinating to see David Loveridge displaying his skills against Kirk, his successor for the All Blacks.

BARBARIANS: J-B Lafond (Racing Club de France and France), M Titley (Swansea and Wales), K Simms (Wasps and England), R Cardus (Cardiff and England), A Emyr (Swansea); P Turner (Newport), D Loveridge (Harlequins and New Zealand); P Ondarts (Biarritz and France), W Burns (Lansdowne), N Rowan (Boroughmuir and Scotland), W Calcraft (Oxford University and Australia), P May (Llanelli), J Condom (Biarritz and France), M Skinner (Harlequins), S Russell (London Welsh).

NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS: G Cooper (Auckland); J Kirwan (Auckland), J Stanley (Auckland), J Schuster (Wellington), C Green (Canterbury); S Bachop (Canterbury), D Kirk (Auckland, captain); S McDowell (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland), B McGrattan (Wellington), M Brewer (Otago), G Whetton (Auckland), B Anderson (Wairarapa-Bush), A Whetton (Auckland), M Jones (Auckland).

Referee: C Norling (Wales).

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HOCKEY

Bradley a tonic for Scotland

By Sydney Friskin

A brilliant goal by Russell Bradley in the second half gave Scotland a 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland and assured them of a place in the semi-finals of the British Universities Sports Federation tournament at Loughborough yesterday.

Bradley's goal sealed Scotland's second victory, and they are in the strongest position in their group. The Irish, who had beaten UAU II 1-0 with a well-taken goal by Brennan earlier in the day, have a chance of qualifying if they beat Oxford today.

UAU I, the holders, who began the day with a 1-0 defeat by Wales, for whom Brooks scored in the second half, revived their hopes in the afternoon, beating Cambridge 3-1. Burns in the first half, and Cook and Chambers in the second, scored for UAU I, Castenskiold cutting the lead.

The day's thrills began with Scotland running up a lead of 5-0 against Oxford before winning 5-3. Oxford were badly outrun in the first half, and although they rallied in the second, two of their goals by Vivian from short corners came from deflections off defenders' sticks, after Adrian Mee scored their first. McFarlane, Bradley, McLeod, Loughlin and Smyth scored for Scotland.

London, who squandered several chances, were held 3-3 by Cambridge, who rallied from 3-1 down. Baxter (2) and Riley from a penalty stroke scored for London; Castenskiold (2), one from a penalty stroke, and Shafiq (penalty stroke) scored for Cambridge.

Oxford's chances faded in the afternoon when they lost 2-1 to a lively UAU II side, for whom Hayes obtained both goals from short corners. Oldershaw scored for Oxford. London were back in the reckoning in group B, with a 3-0 win over Wales, Baxter, Ward, and Riley scoring.

Group A: Oxford 3, Scotland 5, UAU II 0, Northern Ireland 1, Oxford 1, UAU II 2; Scotland 1, Northern Ireland 0. Group B: UAU I 0, Wales 1, Cambridge 3, London 3, UAU I 3, Cambridge 1, London 3, Wales 0.

MOTOR SPORT

Mansell has high hopes for 1987

Nigel Mansell said yesterday that he was confident and ready to benefit from last year's experience in his challenge for the 1987 world drivers' championship.

"I know from last year what I can put in this year . . . hence I hope to do a little better," the British driver said. Mansell seemed poised to win the crown last season but a rear tyre on his Williams exploded in the closing race in Adelaide, enabling the Frenchman, Alain Prost, to retain the title.

Mansell believes the 1987 series, which opens with the Brazilian Grand Prix on April 12, will be even tougher and more competitive. "But I am mentally well prepared and confident," he added. He expressed some anxiety about the opening races because of new regulations aimed at curbing the enormous power of turbo-charged engines. His car, along with rival turbo machinery, will be fitted with a special valve that limits boost.

Mansell will be driving the Williams FW 11B, an improved version of the car he drove to five triumphs last year. Much detail work has been done on the car, including improvements to the aerodynamics and suspension, aiming to give it better traction on slow corners.

● **MONTREAL (AFP)** – Labatt have won their court case against their rival brewers, Molson, over the right to sponsor the Canadian Formula One Grand Prix on June 14. The decision, however, has come too late to keep the race in the world championship. The executive committee of FISA, the sport's international governing body, struck the Grand Prix off its 1987 world championship on Monday because of the dispute, but stressed the ban was just for one year.

● **RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP)** – Teo Fabi, of Italy, driving a Benetton, set the fastest time in practice on Monday for the opening Grand Prix of the world championship on April 12. Fabi recorded 1min 32.40sec for the 5.5km Jacarepagua track, a tenth of a second faster than Derek Warwick, of Britain, in an Arrows.

● **PARIS (Reuter)** – A new Formula One circuit is to be built on the site of the Magny-Cours track in south-western France. A sum of FFr55 million (about £5.6 million) has been earmarked for the project, which is scheduled for completion in May 1988. France have staged Formula One Grand Prix races at Dijon and Le Castellet in recent years.

SNOOKER

Oliver topples Fagan

Patsy Fagan, a former UK title holder, sustained a heavy defeat by Bill Oliver, of Plymouth, in the second qualifying round of the Embassy world championship at Preston yesterday. Oliver won six frames in succession and enhanced his performance with a 108 break that carried him to a 10-2 victory.

Dene O'Kane, aged 24, from Auckland, won by the same score over Dave Gilbert, of Hornchurch. The New Zealander put himself at the top of the highest break of the competition, with 132, and is in line for a £5,000 bonus.

Another overseas player, Jimmy Van Rensburg, was taken to hospital early in the morning with a suspected heart attack.

He was examined and discharged and returned to finish his match with Jack McLoughlin, of Manchester. McLoughlin, leading 5-3 overnight, failed to make any impression on the South African, aged 55, who won four consecutive frames.

BOXING

Storey has the class in a classic contest

By George Ace

Sam Storey, unbeaten in four professional contests and probably the best amateur Ireland has produced in the last decade, will meet Rocky McGran for the Irish middleweight title. The all-Belfast clash is a supporting bout on the world title bill at the King's Hall on April 25 between the World Boxing Association flyweight champion, Fidel Bassa, of Colombia, and the British champion, Dave McAuley, of Northern Ireland.

The middleweight contest will be a classic confrontation: McGran does not know how to take a backward step, and he throws heavy punches virtually non-stop from all angles; Storey is very much the boxer who moves well, and jabs and hooks off a right-hand lead.

● The millionaire owner of racehorses and football clubs, Terry Ramsden, is sponsoring a boxing promotion at Ilford palais on Saturday, when Gary McConnell and the light-heavyweight, Noel Magee, will go through their paces.

McConnell, aged 19, from from Wells, is described by the promoter, Billy Aird, as being "better than Frank Bruno at the same stage". McConnell has won his last three contests in the first round and hopes to do the same against Ian Priest, of Derby. Magee, from Belfast, unbeaten in 14 professional bouts, takes on Serge Fame, of Paddington. The other main bout on the bill involves Mark Reefer, of Hackney, and George Jones, of Telford.

Battle of the rounds

New York (AP) – Mike Tyson's defence of his World Boxing Association (WBA) and World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight titles against Pinklon Thomas on May 30 is scheduled for 12 rounds, not 15, the promoter, Don King, said yesterday.

"Don made a mistake, he thought it was 15 rounds," Murray Goodman, a King publicist, said in making the correction.

The original announcement on Monday said the bout was scheduled for 15 rounds. The number of rounds is signficant because the WBC limits its title contests to 12 rounds.

José Sulaiman, the head of the WBC, said Monday the contest should be 12 rounds rather than 15 because Tyson would be making a mandatory WBC title defence against Thomas.

Wilson fined £750

Epsom trainer David Wilson was fined £750 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday. After Wilson's horse For A Lark finished third in an apprentice handicap at Sandown Park last July, a urine sample from the gelding was found to contain prohibitive substances.

Sarney in new export drive

Brasilia (AP) – President Sarney has announced export incentives to boost the country's trade surplus, vital for meeting payments on the country's massive $108 billion (£67.5 billion) foreign debt.

The measures include tax incentives for exporters, a loosening of import restrictions on raw materials and a cut in taxes on imported goods.

An unassuming man leads Scotland's average team

Roxburgh treads softly through a land of inflated expectations

By Sue Mott

To that incorrigible hyperbolist known as the Scottish football supporter – who genuinely regards Pele as the "Black Dalglish" – Andy Roxburgh is a bit of a letdown. A schoolmaster turned national football coach, Roxburgh is hardly the stuff of legends, lacking the charismatic personality of the late Jock Stein, the sharp Glaswegian humour of Alex Ferguson, or even the cockeyed optimism of Ally MacLeod.

Nor can he glory in a distinguished career as a player, though Partick Thistle devotees still talk of a rare 1964 three-goal game against Dundee United. Worse still, the disarmingly honest Scottish team manager, aged 43, is now admitting what the rest of the world has suspected for some time. "We're average. Not good, not bad, simply average," is how Roxburgh rates Scotland's status.

Even the prospect of his first engagement with the English at Hampden Park next month fails to inspire the claymore-rattling rhetoric which traditionally accompanies Scotland into battle againt the "auld enemy". While the rest of his countrymen secretly fear a repeat of past disasters, Roxburgh chooses his words with studied understatement. "There is no such thing as a 'disaster' in football. That's the emotive language of the media. It would be a disappointment, but no disaster, to lose to England. The European Championship match today in Belgium is far more important than what we may or may not achieve against England and Brazil in May."

Careful to avoid emotive language

Described as a "thoroughly nice man" by Guy Thys, the Belgian manager, Roxburgh remains stunned as anyone that he is sitting behind a desk on which so many famous initials are etched. "I never sought this job and I certainly never expected to be offered it," Roxburgh said, adding with the merest tinge of regret . . . "because I knew I wasn't the man they wanted."

"They," the supporters on the terraces and the so-called "fans with typewriters" in the Press box, had long since reached agreement that Billy McNeill should take over when Ferguson returned to club management after last summer's World Cup finals in Mexico.

McNeill, the captain of Stein's great Celtic side of the 1960s and 1970s, had been considered a future Scotland manager from the moment he held aloft the European Champions Cup in Lisbon 20 years ago. Roxburgh, it was taken for granted, would continue as technical director and coach of the Scottish under-16, under-18 and under-21 sides.

Roxburgh: point of honour to keep a level head and ignore vitriolic attacks

"Almost every newspaper in Scotland ran a poll to find Alex's successor. My name was invariably tagged on at the end of five or six other candidates . . . the *village idiot*, included for a laugh," Roxburgh said without a trace of bitterness.

Perhaps wary of appointing yet another cult figure, but equally aware of the admiration and respect he commands abroad, the Scottish Football Association asked Roxburgh "if I'd be willing to add the national team to my responsibilities. That was the exact wording of the job offer."

Roxburgh, who had worked with the SFA for 11 years, was given less than two hours to decide. "There were a million reasons why I wanted to say no. Having to deal with the media, which makes me feel uncomfortable; being public property, which I hate; the distress it would, and indeed has, caused my family; the fact I lack any ambition as regards money and prestige.

"There was just one reason to say yes – the chance to work with the best players the country can produce."

Like so many before him, Roxburgh has discovered Scotland far more intimidating in the imagination than in reality. The European Championship qualifiers has brought a victory against Luxembourg, and even that was a struggle, goalless draws with the Republic of Ireland and Bulgaria, and a 1-0 defeat against the Irish at Hampden.

With the Irish debacle still planted firmly in his mind, Roxburgh is fully aware that a public execution awaits if Scotland's European Championship campaign does end in failure tonight. He was the target of a vitriolic attack after his experiment of fielding two wingers – Davie Cooper and Pat Nevin – flopped against the Republic of Ireland and the venom still stings.

"I wasn't hurt by what was said or written, but I was astonished by the vehemence of the Press criticism. On the other hand, the fans' sense of disappointment was justified. The team belongs to the Scottish people. I am just the present caretaker, or the keeper of dreams for the romantic.

Keeper of dreams for the romantic

"But newspapers can go too far. I was advised that one paper printed an article which was actionable. They like to ridicule me because I used to be a physical education teacher, but remembering the childish antics of some players, I'd have thought it was a positive benefit."

Though he averaged 20 goals a season in the Scottish first division in his playing days, Roxburgh said he never reached his potential as a player because he was, by instinct, a coach. "Jock Stein, Alex Ferguson, they were the same. Moderate players who become first-class coaches because they were used to having to think about everything they did. The naturally gifted players, the geniuses if you like, seldom make good coaches because they lack the patience to work with those less talented than themselves."

The fact that both Stein and Ferguson, arguably the best British coaches of their generation, failed to raise Scotland's fortunes is not lost on Roxburgh. "Frankly, I don't know yet whether I can do the job. I don't know if it can be done. What do I need to fulfil the unrealistic ambitions of others? Platini . . . but I've searched all over Scotland for him, and he's not here."

GOLF

Injury fails to stop Riddiford in foursomes tournament

By Nicholas Keith

Prudence Riddiford, the British seniors champion, overcame a back injury yesterday to steer Walton Heath through two rounds of the London women's foursomes at the rolling parkland course of Harewood Downs, near Amersham.

Mrs Riddiford's injury did not seem to hamper her as she and her partner, Ruth Ticehurst, beat Hampstead in the morning and scored par figures in the afternoon, when they saw the back of Kingswood on the 12th green.

In the third round this morning they will meet Harpenden, a strong team represented by the English captain, Hilary Kaye, and Anne Pyke. Harpenden reached the semi-finals last year, won in 1985 and were runners-up the previous year.

The holders, Sally Barber and Susan Moorcraft, of Thorndon Park, are seeking their third title in four years. They began badly with sixes at the first two holes to be three over par, but two birdies later helped them comfortably into the third round.

Tandridge have won twice in the 1980s, through Sue Birley and Catherine Bailey, the English seniors champion. They progressed to the third round, as did a good young pair from the Nevill Club, Mary Cornelius and Nicola Way, whose brother, Paul Way, has played in the Ryder Cup. They put paid to Wentworth, including Winnie Wooldridge, in the morning and were too good for Reading after lunch.

RESULTS: First round: Mannings Heath bt Harewood Downs, 4 and 3; Royal Mid Surrey bt Ashridge, 7 and 6; Stoke Poges bt Ashford Manor, 7 and 6; Hindhead bt South Herts, 9 and 7; Huntercombe bt Porters Park, 3 and 2; Ellesborough bt Northwood, 4 and 3; Walton Heath bt Hampstead, 1 hole; Kingswood bt Army, two up; Stanmore bt Calcot Park, two up; Harpenden bt Lamberhurst, 7 and 5; Cowdray Park bt Bishop's Stortford, 2 and 1; Enfield bt West Sussex, at 20th; Tandridge bt Sunningdale, 2 and 1; Chigwell bt Pinner Hill, 5 and 4; Nevill bt Wentworth, 3 and 2; Reading bt Woodcote Park, 4 and 3; Thorpe Hall bt West Middlesex, 8 and 7; Wyke Green bt Ealing, 6 and 5; Wrotham Heath bt Chelmsford, 3 and 2; Grim's Dyke bt Tyrrells Wood, 5 and 3; Moor Park bt Rochester and Cobham Park, 3 and 1; Sandy Lodge bt Knebworth, 3 and 2.

Second round: Thorndon Park beat North Hants 7 and 6; Beaconsfield beat Gerrards Cross at 21st; Wildernesse beat Brickendon Grange 2 and 1; Royal Mid Surrey beat Mannings Heath 2 and 1; Stoke Poges beat Hindhead 1 up; Ellesborough beat Huntercombe 2 and 1; Walton Heath beat Kingswood 7 and 6; Harpenden beat Stanmore 5 and 4; Cowdray Park bt Enfield 7 and 5; Tandridge bt Chigwell 3 and 2; Nevill bt Reading 7 and 5; Thorpe Hall bt Wyke Green 1 up; Wrotham Heath bt Grim's Dyke 3 and 2; Moor Park bt Sandy Lodge 1 up; Highgate bt Royal Wimbledon at 21st; Rochford Hundred bt Sonning 5 and 3.

● Sandy Lyle, the new Tournament Players Champion in America, will return to Europe for the Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship at Wentworth from May 22 to 25. The confirmed appearance of Lyle and other leaders of the PGA European tour promises the event a world-class challenge

Taya and Johnson join WPGA

By John Hennessy

The Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) have acquired two formidable recruits, Patricia Johnson and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi Taya, in the past few days. Miss Johnson, a heroine among heroines in the Curtis Cup last year, has long made it known that she intends to become a professional, but Mrs Taya's intentions have been less certain.

She has now taken the plunge, however, having found ways of reconciling a professional career with a domestic situation involving the rearing of a three-year-old daughter.

Mrs Taya's reputation is such that the French have for some time regarded her as the best woman player in Europe, amateur or professional. Certainly her last tournament would seem to confirm her stature as an amateur. With a brilliant last round of 68 in Venezuela last October, she won the individual competition in the World Team Championship for the Espiritu Santo Trophy by four strokes from Michiko Hattori, of Japan. Miss Johnson was joint third, three strokes behind.

For all the glittering prizes Mrs Taya has acquired over the years, the amateur game, based heavily on match-play, is a form of golf she detests. The professional stroke-play format, as used in Venezuela, should see her at her impressive best.

SQUASH RACKETS

Williams triumphs over injury

By Colin McQuillan

Geoff Williams, the tall left-handed former British champion who has struggled for most of the past two years to maintain his fitness, yesterday beat Peter Hill, of Singapore, for a quarter-final berth in the *Economist* international championship at Cannons Club, London. The result suggests Williams may, at last, be approaching a competitive breakthrough.

Cannons Club is built under the brick arches of Cannon Street station. It seems an ideal venue in which to encounter a light at the end of a long dark tunnel, which is where Williams has spent much of his time since seriously injuring a knee cartilage in 1985.

He defeated the skilful and agile Singapore champion 9-1, 9-5, 9-5, in just 33 minutes of disciplined and, unusually, straight play. On Monday he dismissed Philip Whitlock from the first round with rather more flourish.

"I had never played Peter before and was a bit nervous about his ability to cut the ball around at the front of the court," Williams said. "Against Whitlock I knew the more arrogant I appeared the better my chances of unbalancing him

Williams broke down with cartilage problems two years ago, missing what would have been a certain place in the English team for the world championships in Cairo. That injury was surgically corrected and now appears sound but, since last October, the Manchester-based player has been dogged by recurrent back difficulties.

Williams plays in an imperious manner, very straight in the back and with less involvement of the trailing arm than most players. This concentrated use of the left muscle structure has created a lateral bend to the left side in his spine which is now producing painful nervous reaction.

"Now I have to exercise to bring my right side more into play. In the summer I plan to work on a complete new style which will drag my spine back to its correct state. Then nothing should stop me."

RESULTS (GB unless stated): **First round:** R Martin (Aus) bt D Meddings, 4-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-5; C Robertson (Aus) bt R Zandvliet (Neth), 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; G Briars bt B Martin (Aus), 9-0, 5-9, 9-4, 9-2.

SPEEDWAY

Poland ready to test English youth

The National League, effectively the second division of the British League, have arranged the first international series against the full national team of Poland (Keith Macklin writes).

The England team, largely chosen from British League riders, have only Denmark and the United States in the same top-class grouping, so the National League are moving in to create competition not merely against Poland, but in series against Sweden and Russia.

The series will give young National League riders the chance of international experience, preparing them to challenge for England places. The three National League v Poland internationals are at Wimbledon, Edinburgh and Stoke on May 27, 29 and 30.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Championship
Group four

Northern Ireland v England (at Windsor Park, Belfast, 8.0)

Group six

Wales v Finland (at Wrexham)

Group seven

Belgium v Scotland (at Brussels, 7.0)

Bulgaria v Rep of Ireland (at Sofia, 5.30)

European Under-21 Championship
Group seven

Belgium v Scotland (at Bruges, 2.0)

Today League
Third division

Bristol R v Doncaster (7.45)

Chester v Swindon

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Blackburn v Sheffield United; Hull v Liverpool; Leicester v Newcastle. **Second division:** Bolton v Barnsley; Bradford v Blackpool (7.30), Darlington v Preston (7.30); Huddersfield v Stoke (7.30); Port Vale v Grimsby; Wigan v Scunthorpe

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Millwall (2.0); Crystal Palace v Luton (at Tooting and Mitcham FC); Oxford United v Southampton.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Bournemouth v Plymouth; Shrewsbury Town v Bristol City (3.0); Swansea v Newport; Torquay v Exeter

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Maidstone v Gateshead.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Worksop v Morecambe.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Cambridge City; King's Lynn v Crawley, Worcester v Willenhall.

AC DELCO CUP: Semi-final, second leg (*First leg score in brackets*): Hendon (2) v Yeovil (0).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Southwick v Bracknell (7.45). **Second division north:** Collier Row v Wolverton (7.45), Royston v Haringey.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Fareham v Road Sea.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Chatteris v Soham, Stowmarket v Newmarket, Sudbury v Haverhill.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division (6.0): Abingdon Town v Abingdon United; Penhill v Supermarine; Rayners Lane v Hounslow; Sharpness v Shortwood; Wallingford v Thame; Wantage v Bicester

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: *First division:* Winsford v Curzon Ashton.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Romsey v Brockenhurst; Sholing v Eastleigh; Totton v Bournemouth.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Heybridge v Chelmsford.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern League XI v Nene Group United Counties League XI (at Dartford).

TOURNAMENT: British Universities group (at St Catherine's College, Cambridge, 10.45).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Barbarians v New Zealand Barbarians (at Cardiff Arms Park, 7.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Pontypool (7.15); Cross Keys v Swansea (7.0); Llanelli v Neath (7.0); Lydney v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0); Manchester v Orrell (6.30); Moseley v London Irish; Nuneaton v Coventry (7.15); Richmond v Metropolitan Police (5.45); Taunton v Exeter (7.0).

DIVISIONAL MATCH: London Under 21 v South West Under 21 (at Iffley Road, 7.0).

POTTERTON UNDER-21 FLOODLIGHT CUP: Final: Coventry v Nottingham (at Leamington RFC, 7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: St Helens v Castleford; Wakefield v Hull KR; Widnes v Leigh; Wigan v Halifax. Second division: Blackpool v Carlisle; Runcorn v Whitehaven.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Charity show: South Parade Pier, Southsea.

FENCING: Public Schools championships (at Crystal Palace NSC).

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship: Qualifying round (at Preston).

SPEEDWAY: Spring classic (at Wimbledon, 7.45).

SQUASH RACKETS: Economist Cannons international championship (at Cannons Club).

SPORT ON TV

SPORTS AFTERNOON: Report on Mortgage Corporation indoor tennis league; look ahead to the weekend's football, Rugby Union internationals and the 1987 Seagram Grand National. BBC2: 3.08pm.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: Football: highlights of European Championship matches. ITV: 10.40pm.

SPORTSNIGHT: Greyhound racing: live coverage of three heats in the 1987 Greyhound TV Trophy. Rugby Union: highlights of Barbarians v New Zealand Barbarians, Cardiff; Cricket: choose a World Team competition; Racing: preview of Saturday's Seagram Grand National; Football: European Championship news. BBC1: 10.15pm.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NEW ORLEANS: National Collegiate Athletic Association championships (US colleges): Final: Indiana University 74 (Alford 23, Smart 21, Thomas 20), Syracuse University 73 (Douglas 20, Seikaly 18).

ETON FIVES

ETON: Kinnaird Cup: Quarter-finals: B C Matthews and J P Reynolds bt M R King and J G M Pulsford 12-2, 12-1, 12-8; A E Gibson and C M B Williams bt D B Wainwright and M R Smith 12-8, 12-6, 12-6; M C Blundell and M R Keeling bt R C Tyler and A J Mole 12-7, 12-2, 7-12, 12-8; A Hughes and R J Lambert bt G Dawes and R D N Topham 12-4, 15-13, 12-7

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group eight: Bulgaria 1, Luxemburg 0 (at Kyustendil, Bulgaria).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich City 5, Reading 1; QPR 3, Bristol Rovers 0; Arsenal 3, Fulham 1; Ipswich 0, Chelsea 0.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham 0, Scarborough 2; Nuneaton 1, Welling 2.
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Walthamstow Avenue 1, Carshalton 4.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Chorley 3, Southport 0; Horwich 1, Mossley 3; Rhyl 2, Hyde 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle 4, Nottingham Forest 0. Second division: Barnsley 2, West Bromwich Albion 2; Bolton Wanderers 0, Stoke City 1; Preston North End 0, Bradford 5.
ROADFERRY IRISH CUP: First round: Tobermore United 1, Newry 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Fourth round: Waterlooville 2, Aylesbury 2.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter City 4, Swansea City 1, Plymouth Argyle 10, Newport County 1.
CAMBRIDGE: BRITISH UNIVERSITIES TOURNAMENT: First round: Scotland 2, London 0; Northern Ireland 3, Oxford 1; Wales 1, UAU '1' 4; Cambridge 2, UAU '2' 0.
[illegible] **MATCH:** Wimbledon 3, HJK Finland 0.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 0, Bohemians 1; Bray Wanderers 2, Home Farm 3; Cork City 1, Limerick City 2; Galway Utd 0, Waterford Utd 0; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Dundalk 0; Shamrock Rovers 4, Sligo Rovers 1. Leading positions: 1, Shamrock Rovers pld 21, 36 pts (Champions); 2, Dundalk 21, 30; 3, Waterford Utd 22, 28. Athlone Town relegated to first division.

GOLF

US TOUR EARNINGS: (US unless stated): 1, C Pavin, $314,300 (about £195,000); 2, L Wadkins, $285,985; 3, B Crenshaw, $254,957; 4, P Stewart, $246,088; 5, M Calcavecchia, $237,480; 6, B Langer (WG), $228,833; 7, S Lyle (GB), $217,142; 8, P Azinger, $200,078; 9, Tze-Chung Chen (Taiwan), $181,083; 10, J Sluman, $150,258. Other British placing: 35, Ken Brown 67,292.
US LPGA EARNINGS: (US unless stated): 1, J Geddes, $117,958 (about £73,000); 2, P Bradley, $77,852; 3, C Johnson, $67,526; 4, B King, $63,932; 5, C Ranck, $55,957; 6, K Postlewait, $47,504; 7, N Lopez, $46,958; 8, C Gerring, $46,144; 9, J Stephenson, (Aus), $38,615; 10, L Peterson, $36,515

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League: (NHL): New York Rangers 6, Minnesota North Stars 5; Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 4.
CANAZEI, Italy: World championship: Group B: Austria 6, Netherlands 4. Norway 4, China 2

RACE WALKING

XINGLONG, Peking: 10,000m: 1, X Yongjiu (China) 44min 26.5sec (world record); 2, J Bingye (China), 44:26.7

RUGBY FIVES

TIVERTON: Old Blundellians 448, Blundell's 296

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cardiff 34, South Glamorgan Inst 12
KENT COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Old Colfeians 12, Dartfordians 4. **FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE:** Centaurs 19, Hendon 13.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE JOHN PLAYER PENNANT: Moderns 22, Mellish 15.
COUNTY UNDER-21: Oxfordshire 0, Berkshire 10.
CLUB MATCHES: Bodmin 19, Shoe Valley 4; Falmouth 13, Weston-super-Mare 19, RAF St Mawgan 0, Wadebridge Camels 42; Redruth Albany 52, St Days 4; St Just 12, St Boswell (Scotland) 26; Cornwall Fire Brigade 40, Northampton Fire Brigade 11; Cornwall Schools (18's) 18, Hampshire Schools (18's) 7

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy world professional championships: Second qualifying round: S Newbury (Neath) bt L Dodd (Southport), 10-7. M Gibson (Glasgow) bt B Kelly (Manchester), 10-9; G Cripsey (Skegness) bt J Meadowcroft (Bacup), 10-9; D Fowler (Worksop) bt G Foulds (Perivale), 10-6; B Harris (Portsmouth) bt D Hughes (Manchester), 10-2; M Bennett (Gwent) bt B Mikkelsen (Can), 10-4. (Other matches, end of session scores): K Owers (Fleetwood) leads F Davis (Denbigh), 6-3; J Wright (London) leads P Browne (Manchester), 5-4; M Bradley (Worksop) and B Rowswell (Taunton), level 4-4; N Gilbert (Bedford) leads J O'Boye (London), 5-4; J Spencer (Radcliffe) leads R Bales (Birmingham), 6-3; W King (Aus) leads D Roe (Derby), 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Exeter 40, Milton Keynes 38.
LEAGUE CUP: Reading 48, Ipswich 30. Wolves 40, Swindon 38.

SQUASH RACKETS

BARROW ON HUMBER: Northern Championship: Humberside 3, Cumbria 2.

TABLE TENNIS

PORTSMOUTH: Inter-services competition: Team event: Women: 1, RAF, 15 wins; 2, Royal Navy, 7 wins; 3, Army, 5 wins. Men: 1, RAF; 2, Army; 3, Royal Navy. Final: RAF 7, Army 3. Team result: Women: WRAF 7, Royal Navy 2. WRAF 8, Army 1; Royal Navy 5 Army 4. Men's singles: Cpl Tony Holmes (Army) bt Flt Lt Dick Clode (RAF) 22-20, 21-19. Women's singles: Jn Tech Sarah Bignall (RAF) bt LWren Jan Turley 21-15, 21-16. Men's doubles: Sgt Tony Bass and Cpl Ian Denton (RA) bt CPO Mark Dexter and LWEM(R) Steve Reilly 21-17, 21-9. Women's doubles: LWren Jan Turley and Wren Adele Wilson bt Sgt Jan Wright and SACW Rose Tanby 21-10, 21-10. Mixed doubles: Pvt Mick Young (Army) and Jn Tech Sarah Bignall (RAF) bt Cpl Ian Denton (RA) and Sgt Jan Wright 21-17, 21-8. Men's plate: LWEM(R) Steve Reilly bt Cf Tech Bob House (RAF) 21-13, 21-15. Women's plate: Cpl Julia Perrack (RAF) bt SACW Debbie Wilson (RAF) 22-20, 15-21 21-17

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Men's grand prix tournament: First round: (US unless stated): D Goldie bt G Layendecker 6-4, 6-3; P Fleming bt E Edwards (SA) 6-1, 7-5; S Giammalva bt E Korita 6-3, 6-4; M Purcell bt B Moir (SA) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; E Teltscher bt S DeVries 6-2, 6-4; C van Rensburg (SA) bt K Jones 6-3, 7-5; J Kriek bt M Freeman 6-3, 7-6; S Davis bt C Steyn (SA) 6-3, 6-2
MILAN: Fila Trophy tournament: First round: Singles: E Sanchez (Sp) bt L Warder (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Mecir (Cz) bt U Colombini (It) 6-2, 6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt A Mansdorf (Is) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; M Schapers (Neth) bt S Colombo (It) 6-2, 6-3, J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Wajda (Cz) 6-3, 7-6 (7-1), J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt C Hooper (US) 6-4, 6-4. Doubles: S Birner (Cz) and C Limberger (Aus) bt B Drewett (Aus) and L Warder (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; S Casal (SP) and Sanchez bt A Emerson (US) and D Tyson (Aus) 6-3, 6-4
ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5, M Wilander (Swe); 6, M Mecir (Cz); 7, J McEnroe (US); 8, J Connors (US); 9, H Leconte (Fr); 10, A Gomez (Ec); 11, P Cash (Aus); 12, T Mayotte (USA); 13, M Pernfors (Swe); 14, K Carlsson (Swe); 15, E Sanchez (Sp); 16, B Gilbert (US); 17, J Nystroem (Swe); 18, M Jaite (Arg); 19, J B. Svensson (Swe); 20, G Vilas (Arg)
GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe) 1,597pts; 2, M Mecir (Cz) 1,106; 3, Yannick Noah (Fr) 705; 4, I Lendl (Cz) 700; 5, J McEnroe (US) 657. 6, J Connors (US) 645; 7, T Mayotte (US) 605, 8, P Cash (Aus) 583; 9, W Masur (Aus) 571 10, B Becker (WG) 538; 11, M Wilander (Swe) 505; 12, A Jarryd (Swe) 371, 13, C van Rensburg (SA) 338, 14, B Gilbert (US) 310, 15, D Rostagno (US) 305, A Mansdorf (Is), 305; 17, P Annacone (US) 255; 18, J Hlasek (Switz) 233; 19, T Wilkison (US) 221 20, M Srejber (Cz) 220.

ROAD RUNNING

ULTRA-MARATHON: Sydney to Melbourne (580 miles): 1, Y Kouros (Gr); 2, R Tout (NZ), 83 miles behind; 3, P Macke (GB), 111 miles behind

YACHTING

WARSASH SPRING SERIES: First division: Admiral's Cup contenders: Turkish Delight (H Bezmen); 2, Jenny M (M B Tattersall); 3, Giant Panda (Porter & Sheldon). Second division IOR: Insanable (J N Bibby), 2, K4497 (R Bottomley); 3, Scorpio (P Gatrill). Third division: Channel Handicap I: Bishop's Mitre (S M Bishop). Fourth division: Channel Handicap II: Blue Air (R Goddard). Fifth division: Sigma 33: Ivory Moon (J Yarrow). Sixth division: J24: Pink Panther (G M Harris). Seventh division: Sonata: The Mean Machine (D Harckham).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm)			Conditions		Weather (5pm)	
	L	U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort		°C
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	125	195	good	heavy	good	sun	6
Excellent piste skiing							
St Anton	60	390	good	powder	fair	fine	-2
Good skiing on all slopes							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	160	310	good	powder	good	fair	0
Frequent light snowfalls							
Morzine	45	200	good	varied	fair	sun	-4
Excellent piste skiing							
Tignes	185	265	good	heavy	good	fair	-3
Powder on upper slopes							
Val Thorens	140	230	good	powder	good	snow	-1
New snow on good base							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	180	good	heavy	fair	fine	3
Excellent skiing conditions							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. **Glenshee:** upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. **Glencoe** (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1,700ft. **Lecht:** upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. **Forecast for today:** bright or sunny periods and scattered snow showers; becoming colder with light northerly winds. **Outlook for tomorrow:** cold and rather cloudy with wintry showers persisting; freshening north-east winds.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

A war in the old style

Joe E Brown and friend: Bright Lights, C4, 2.30pm

CHOICE

● **The Falklands War – the Untold Story** (ITV, 8pm), a *First Tuesday* special to mark the fifth anniversary of that war, concentrates upon interviewing men who fought on both sides: no animosity is expressed, only regret. The film also shows, with little commentary, a montage of combat footage gathered from different sources, including private ones. This is a highly skilled piece of editing, if at times questionable. Are we being shown actual footage of an event or something approximating it? Interviews concentrate upon those who fought rather than the build-up or background, and they reveal what a messy little war it was. It had its farcical aspects: islanders being made to drive on the right; paratroops finding themselves spectacularly inefficient at coastal landing. When it came to fighting, both sides agree on the nastiness of combat: "Savage gutter fighting"... "He was like a human torch. What really bothered us was that he was lighting up our positions so that the enemy could see us"... "Everybody we came across was all twisted: you could see the agony (they) had been in when they died". Traditional military dislike of the politician emerges strongly, but what sticks in the mind is a sense of anachronism: an old-fashioned war fought by old-fashioned characters — dandyish officers, and doggedly obedient men, surprised afterwards to find themselves haunted. Among all the general bewilderment, it is left to those who lost limbs or relatives to speak with the greatest bravery and painfully to drag up the details that put this whole matter in its absurd context.

● **Paul Simon** (BBC2, 8pm) is the subject of a *Whistle Test Extra* first broadcast last October. Since then Simon's latest album *Gracelands* has been a source of controversy because of South African connexions and has revived what has been a flagging career since the split with Art Garfunkel. The music itself is anything but controversial, a seamless blending of ethnic varieties meticulously produced.

● Radio choice: **The Mask of Orpheus** (Radio 3, 7.45pm) by Harrison Birtwistle who is the subject of three further programmes on Saturdays on Channel 4. Also recommended is **Rebels** (Radio 4, 7.45pm) about Charlie Parker, the great jazz saxophonist.

Chris Petit

Royal Marines in action: The Falklands War - The Untold Story (ITV, 8.00pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Watchdog. In the Hot Seat this week is Norman Whitehouse, Secretary of the British Dental Association. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. Britain's shipbuilding industry is discussed by John Redwood, Maurice Phelps, and an audience of shipyard workers from the Clyde, Merseyside, and Teesside. Presented by Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with details of maternity rights for working women; and what help is on offer for single-parent families.
10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Phillip Schofield. **10.30** Play School. (r) **10.50** Paddington. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Holiday 87. (r) (Ceefax) **11.35** Open Air. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow in Bradford. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Daphne begins to believe that she is not alone in her new house **1.50** Chock-a-Block. (r) **2.05** The Clothes Show. Shown again at 7.40.
2.30 Film: Go to Blazes (1962) starring Dave King, Robert Morley, Daniel Massey, and Norman Rossington. Comedy about a gang of unsuccessful crooks who plan a robbery using a fire-engine as the getaway vehicle. Directed by Kenneth Harper.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail includes a bird that flies non-stop for two years. **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon **4.15** Jackanory. **4.30** Bananaman. (r) **4.35** Fast Forward. *Video fun.*
5.00 John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Jossy's Giants. Episode four of the five-part story of a young football team. (Ceefax) **5.35** The Raccoons.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan with Magnus Magnusson, Stephen Fry, and two more Song for Europe hopefuls.
7.40 The Clothes Show presented by Jeff Banks and Selina Scott includes a display of maternity wear; and a report on men's wear. (shown at 2.05)
8.05 Dallas. The angry widow of a former Ewing employee plots her revenge on the Southfork family. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democratic Party.
9.10 News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.40 Q.E.D.:Murder on the Bluebell Line. Hugh Fraser and Ronald Fraser play Holmes and Watson, on the trail of the mystery of the Piltdown man. (Ceefax)
10.15 Sportsnight. Three heats of the 1987 Greyhound TV Trophy from Oxford Stadium; highlights of the Barbarians v the New Zealand Barbarians rugby union match in Cardiff; details of a Choose a World Cricket Team competition; and a preview of Saturday's Grand National.
11.20 Matt Houston investigates the murders of young women at a beach club.
12.10 Weather.

Ronald Fraser and Hugh Fraser as Watson and Holmes in Murder on the Bluebell Line (BBC1, 9.40pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Maths - The Genetics Game. Ends at **7.20**.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: the Nuclear Debate **9.35** Ceefax **10.00** For the very young **10.15** How floppy material is made strong by shaping **10.38** Science: the drifting of the continents **11.00** Words and pictures **11.17** The wood ant and the honey bee **11.40** Young people using maths at work.
12.00 Ceefax **12.25** Basic Spanish conversation skills **12.50** The young people of Provence **1.05** The life of an oil tycoon **1.38** The wildlife on a Scottish riverbank **2.00** News **2.02** Thinkabout: eggs **2.17** Canada: totem poles and beavers.
2.35 Bazaar. (r)
3.05 News and weather.
3.08 Sports Afternoon includes news of the new indoor tennis league; and previews of the weekend's football and rugby union programme as well as the Grand National.
3.55 News, regional news, and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong.
4.35 The World of the 30s. China during the feuding of Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek, and the Japanese occupation.
5.05 My Music. (r)
5.30 Cover to Cover presented by Nicholas Shakespeare. Guests, among them Julian Barnes, review the latest hardbacks and paperbacks including Malcolm Bradbury's Cuts, and Nadine Gordimer's A Sport of Nature.
6.00 Film: Fury at Smugglers Bay (1960) starring John Fraser, Peter Cushing, and Bernard Lee. Swashbuckling yarn set in 18th century Cornwall. Directed by John Gilling.
7.35 Take Nobody's Word for It. In this last programme of the 'do-it-yourself' science series Dr Frank Close explains how to build your own universe.
8.00 Paul Simon. A Whistle Test special on the singer/songwriter. (r) (see Choice)
8.30 Out of Court presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook.
9.00 M*A*S*H. The medics of the 4077th are in a nervous state as they await the arrival of a notorious general. (r)
9.25 Strong Poison. Episode two of the three-part dramatization of Dorothy L Sayers's novel and Lord Peter Wimsey has less than a month in which to find evidence to save Harriet Vane from the hangman's noose. (Ceefax).
10.20 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democratic Party.
10.30 Newsnight includes a report from Charles Wheeler in Russia **11.15** Weather.
11.20 Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays Piano Sonata No 26, Op 81a.
11.40 Open University: Silence in Class. Ends at **12.35**.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35**. After Nine includes advice to parents of children with allergies caused by chemical pollution; and at **9.17**, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: simple mathematical concepts **9.42** The life-cycles of frogs and butterflies **9.59** Junior maths **10.16** Diana Quick with poems about animals **10.33** Programme six of Bertol Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* **11.03** Uses of computers **11.22** Britain's folk dances **11.39** English children on a day trip to Boulogne.
12.00 Button Moon. (r) **12.10** Allsorts.
12.30 In the Same Boat. The first of a new series presented by Kay Avila in which people who have survived harrowing experiences hear from others who suffered the same ordeal. Today, three hostage victims - Sir Geoffrey Jackson, Sheila Matthews, and Mike Thexton.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news **1.30** A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian township.
2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Mark Gorton with the best fresh food buys. **3.00** Amoebas to Zebras. Natural history quiz presented by Nigel Rees. The panellists are Su Ingle, Kevin Standring, and Liz Bomford. Last in the series. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas with the story of Best Day Ever **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** Sooty presented by Matthew Corbett **4.45** Murphy's Mob. Serial about a third division football club. (r)
5.15 Pass the Buck. George Layton with the first of a new series of the couples' quiz.
5.45 News at Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news
6.25 Help! Housing benefit information.
6.35 Crossroads. Nicola springs a surprise all the way from Aix-en-Provence.
7.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews, armed with his big red book, surprises another unprepared worthy.
7.30 Coronation Street. The Barlows have a surprise in store for Alf who thinks he has won the election hands down. (Oracle)
8.00 The Falklands War - the Untold Story. A First Tuesday Special investigating the truth behind the war fought on British territory which began five years ago tomorrow. With professional and amateur film of the conflict, interviews with the men on the ground, RAF and Argentinian pilots, and General Menendez who descibes how he felt at the moment of defeat. (see Choice)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democratic Party.
10.10 News with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.40 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Highlights from four European Championship Football matches involving Northern Ireland (playing England); Wales (Finland); Scotland (Belgium); and the Republic of Ireland (Bulgaria).
12.25 That's Hollywood. Film holidays.
12.50 Night Thoughts.

Tcheky Karyo and Pascale Ogier as the lovers in the French film Full Moon in Paris (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.30 Film: Bright Lights* (1935) starring Joe E Brown as a vaudevillean who puts his marriage in jeopardy when success goes to his head and he starts to court a society belle. Directed by Busby Berkeley.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with Penelope Mortimer
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Alan Benson, a retired bank manager from Standish, Lancashire.
5.00 Chateauvallon. Subtitled version of episode ten.
6.00 Mother and Son. Comedy series from Australia about a divorced man living with his elderly widowed mother. (r)
6.30 The Making of Britain. Programme three of the 12-part series tracing the history of Britain examines the Age of Revolution, the period from 1760 - 1870. Presented by Dr Boyd Hilton, senior tutor and lecturer in history at Trinity College, Cambridge.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Marion Roe, Conservative MP for Broxbome. Followed by Weather.
8.00 Tom Keating on Impressionism. Two days after Van Gogh's Sunflowers is sold for £22.5 million, a happy chance repeat of Tom Keating's moving account of the life of the artist which includes Keating painting sunflowers in the manner of the Master, and a portrait. (Oracle)
8.30 Diverse Reports. Christine Chapman reports from South Africa as nominations for the South African elections close, on what could be the last chance for white liberals to reform apartheid from within and to open politics to all the country's black adult population. Includes an interview with the former South African Ambassador to London, Dr Denis Worrall.
9.00 The Media Show presented by Muriel Gray, includes items on the film Blue Velvet, and the political advertisements that British television will not allow.
10.00 Full Moon in Paris (1984) starring Pascale Ogier as a young woman whose desire for emotional independence involves her with three men. Directed by Eric Rohmer.
11.55 Back Chat. The first of a new series of chat show, presented by Robert McKinnon, dealing with what the viewer thinks about independent television programmes, beginning with the controversial documentary, The Right to be White.
12.25 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.40**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.10am-12.15 News. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.15-10.45 Scotland 2000 10.45-11.45 Sportscene (Scottish Amateur Boxing Association Championships) 11.45-12.35am Matt Houston 12.35-12.40 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Video Picture Show 11.20-12.10am Metro-Land 12.10-12.15 News and Weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 5.30pm Take Nobody's Word For It 5.55 It's A Thinking Man's Game 6.45pm-8.30 Alickadoos and Oysters (Barbarians v New Zealand Barbarians) NORTHERN IRELAND 11.17am-12.02pm Ceefax.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.25am Lenten Angle, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Face the Press 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Lookaround 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Paper Dolls 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 12.25am Jobfinder 1.25 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Paul Cola Show 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Short Story 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.00-10.10 Gary Lloyd Sound 12.25am Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 10.40 Scotsport 12.25am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Human Face of Japan 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Punky Brewster 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12 .25am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 News 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00-2.30 Whose Baby? 3.30-4.00 Encounter 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 10.40 Scotsport 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 Mary 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.25am Postscript, Close

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Tucker's Witch 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.5 Blockbuster 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.20am Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.25am A Soldier's Qualities. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Horses for Courses 1.20 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 History of Grand Prix 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Ask Anne 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.25am Jobfinder 1.25 Closedown.

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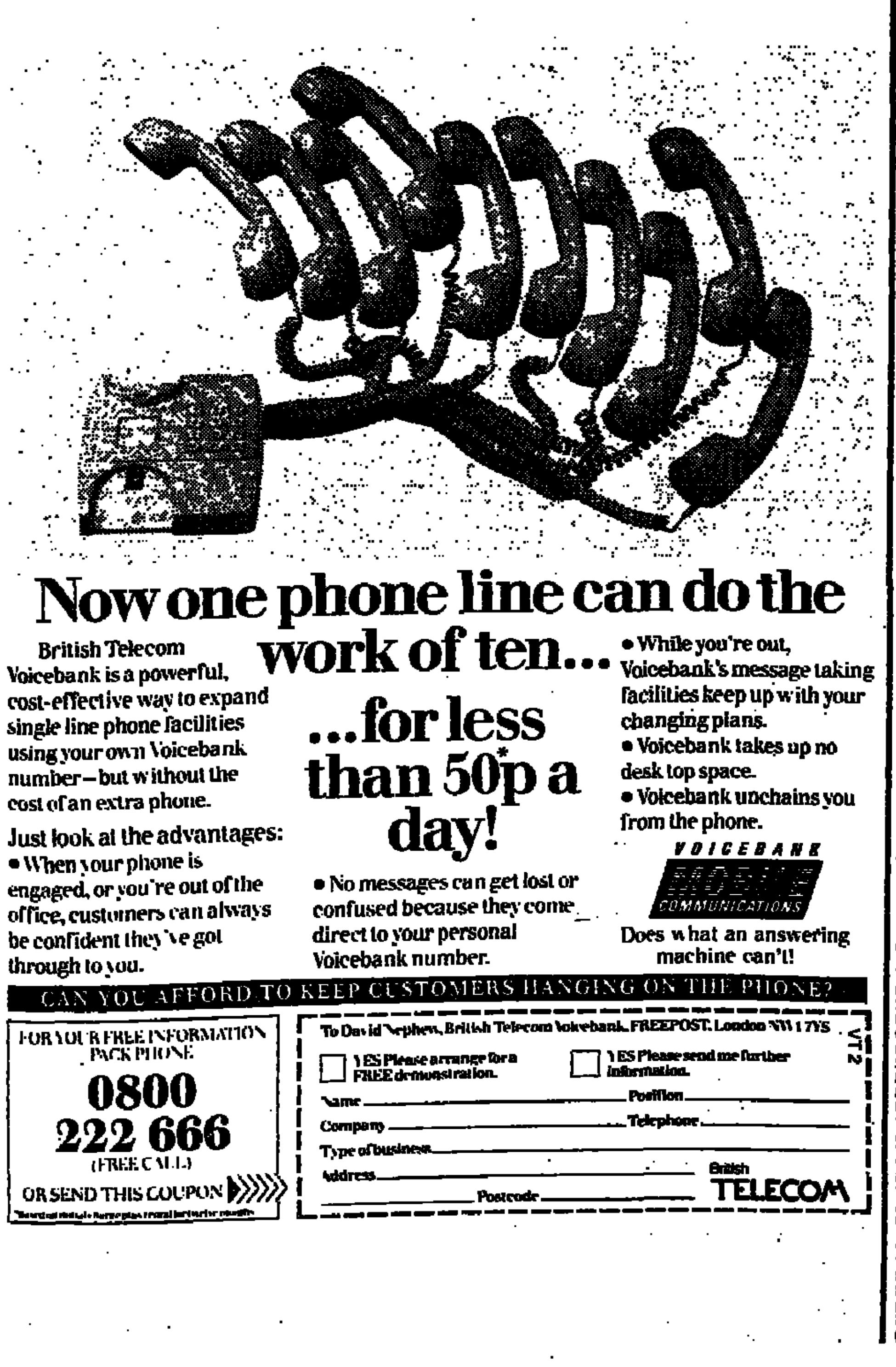
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Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (8.00pm, 9.00 VHF only). Sports round-up 8.50am. CrimeCheck bulletins 7.15am, 10.15, 1.15pm, 4.15
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.15pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Alvin Stardust **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **7.30** International Soccer Special (Northern Ireland versus England, plus reports on Belgium v Scotland and Walves v Finland) **9.45** Listen to the Band (continued from VHF) **10.00** Wot a Geezer! (Harold Berens) **10.15** The Hughton Weavers **10.30** The Golden Years **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00** A Little Night Music

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6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Hoax 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Choirs of Britain 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 People and Pets 11.25 A Letter From Wales 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Masterpiece in Miniature 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 At Home With... 3.30 Two Cheers for March 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Good Books 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 International Soccer Special 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Two Cheers for March 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Wiring Up The Senses 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial News 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30). All Times GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University, until 6.55am. Open Forum: University Magazine
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Brahms (Hungarian Dances Nos 1 to 4: Vienna PO), Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Beethoven (Romance No 2 in F: Szeryng with Amsterdam Concertgebouw), Strauss (Festmusik der Stadt Wien: London Brass Virtuosi). **8.00** News
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Copland (El salon Mexico: Detroit SO), Barber (Summer Music: Bergen Wind Quartet), Granados (Zapateado:Alicia de Larrocha). Joplin (Bethena: Perlman, violin, and Previn, piano), Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: Bernstein with Los Angeles PO). **9.00** World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Fibich. Symphonic poem The Tempest (Brno State PO), Fernando's aria from Act 2 of The Tempest (with Zidek, tenor), excerpts from Moods, Impressions and Reminiscences, Op 41 (Vrana, piano), Idyll and At Twilight (Prague RSO)
10.00 Glazunov: Symphony No 2, and Concert Waltz No 1 (Bamberg SO under Jarvi)
10.50 Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A, K 581, with Harold Wright (clarinet), Silverstein, Hobart, Fine and Eskin
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Scottish SO (under Nicholas Braithwaite). Hamish McCunn (the overture The Dowie Dens o'Yarrow), Mussorgsky (A night on the bare mountain), Halvorsen (Entry of the Boyards), Iain Hamilton (Scottish dances), and Tchaikovsky (Capriccio italien)
12.30 Keith Jarrett: recordings made by the pianist in the Seventies. Presented by Ian Carr. **1.00** News
1.05 Coull String Quartet: performances of Robert Simpson's Quartet No 11, and Beethoven's Quartet in F minor, Op 95
2.00 Leclair and C P E Bach: Leclair's Violin Concerto in A, Op 7 No 5(Gerard Jarry with Jean-Francois Paillard CO), and Bach's Flute Concerto in A minor, Wq 166 (Aurele Nicolet with Netherlands CO)
2.50 Record Review: Chamber music records reviewed by Roger Nichols. Plus Mark Steyn on American music recordings, and Alan Blyth discussing recent song records. Introduced by Paul Vaughan (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Wakefield Cathedral. A live transmission. The organist is Jonathan Bielby
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: Sibelius (Karelia Suite Op 11: Vienna PO). Handel (Organ Concerto in D minor, Op 7 No 4: Simon Preston with English Concert), Delius (An arabebesque: John Shirley-Quirk, baritone, with Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Groves), Alkan (Concerto for solo piano: John Ogdon). **6.55** News
7.00 Science on 3: The presenter is Colin Tudge
7.45 The Mask of Orpheus: the first broadcast of Harrison Birtwistle's three-act opera. Sung in English. Elgar Howarth conducts the English National Opera Orchestra and Chorus. With Philip Langridge, Nigel Robson and Graham Walters are the three Orpheuses and Jean Rigby, Ethna Robinson and Zena Dilke as the three Euridices. Cast also includes Tom McDonnell, Robert Williams and Rodney Macann. Act one
9.10 Six Continents: Angus McDermid with foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC
9.30 The Mask of Orpheus: act two
11.25 First Night: a review by Derek Watson of The King Goes Forth to France at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden
11.35 King of Ticklers: recordings of works by Scott Joplin, born 70 years ago
11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Birmingham and District Allotments Council.
10.30 Morning Story. Breaking the Rules, by Jill Norris.Read by Fleur Chandler
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 13 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; You Must Remember This. Nigel Andrews explores the less familiar story behind the making of Casablanca. With reminiscences from members of the cast and many of those who worked behind the camera to produce one of the best-loved Hollywood movies ever made (r)
11.48 Enquire Within. Dilly Barlow attempts to answer your questions and queries.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard.
12.27 Proof, by Dick Francis, dramatized in 8 parts (7) (r) (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News **1.35** A Party Political Broadcast by the Social Democratic Party
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Man's Hour with Auberon Waugh – the male backlash to the regular magazine for women.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Cold Embrace, by Ken Whitmore. With Christian Rodska, Daphne Oxenford, Julie Higginson, Anne Rye and Peter Wheeler.The story of a man who dreams that his wife is being seduced by another man.(s)
3.47 Time for Verse. George MacBeth presents poems about animals. 4: Hunting. The readers are Ronald Pickup and Peter Wickham
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. Opera Go Round from Glasgow to the Thurso. Join seven singers, a piano and a carpet, in other words, Opera Go Round opera company, as it tours the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland.
5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping
6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial report
6.30 Blandings. Summer Lightning, by P.G. Wodehouse (4).With a cast including Richard Vernon and Ian Carmichael.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Legacy of Empire. Nick Clarke finds out how Britain and its culture have left their mark on former colonies. This week, the judicial system.
7.45 Rebels. 3: Charlie Bird Parker. Hugh Sykes on the life of one of the major innovators of modern jazz, who was also an alcoholic and a heroin addict.
8.15 The Thatcher Effect. A special Analysis enquiry into life in Britain under the premiership of Mrs Thatcher. 3: The Rich.
9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. Key to the Door, comedy about an aspiring TV entertainer,by John Edgar (s)
9.30 At Least It's Live. Susan Marling meets some live performers who entertain in the pubs, on the streets and in halls.
9.45 Kaleidoscope.Items include the film Over the Top.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Victory, by Joseph Conrad (8). **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University. **11.30** Modern Art: Symbolism **11.50** Science: Energy Accounting **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Some Caribbean Writers.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

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English supporters readmitted to Europe on trial

From John Goodbody, Frankfurt

England football supporters were yesterday readmitted to Europe with a firm warning that they will be on trial. They will be able to buy tens of thousands of tickets on the day of the matches at the European Championship finals in West Germany next year – unless the organizers decide there is a risk of hooliganism.

Hermann Neuberger, president of the organizing committee, said yesterday that there will be close liaison with the Football Association and that England's friendly against West Germany in Düsseldorf on September 9 this year will be a "test match".

"The security authorities will liaise and if the Football Association warn us that there may be trouble, then we will refuse to sell any tickets on the day of the games in which England are involved," Neuberger said through an interpreter.

He added: "We were asked by UEFA if we could handle the English fans. I believe the situation can be handled. We want to have England – if, of course, they qualify."

His brave, and some would say ill-advised, attitude contrasts with that of UEFA, the European governing body who last month maintained the ban on English clubs from European competitions, a decision imposed after the disaster at the Heysel stadium in May, 1985, when 39 people died in rioting before the Liverpool v Juventus European Cup final. That ban did not apply to the national team, and there was trouble, on a minor scale, involving England supporters following the team in Spain in February.

When asked if UEFA would delay their decision on readmitting the English clubs until after the European Championship for national teams, Neuberger replied: "That is how I see it. The European Championship will be very important."

The seven foreign qualifying countries (West Germany, as hosts, qualify automatically) will receive their allocation of tickets after the draw on January 12, 1988.

Twenty per cent will go to each participating nation in the preliminary round. The share will rise to 30 per cent for the semi-finals and 40 per cent for the final on June 25. The cost ranges from about £6 for a standing place in the pool games to more than £40 for the best seats at the final. Most of the eight stadiums which will be used for the 15-day tournament have capacities that exceed 50,000, so England could be entitled to 30,000 tickets if they reached the final.

All tickets for England supporters will be distributed through the Football Association, but problems, as Neuberger admits, could arise if the FA can sell only part of their allocation in a certain block.

"We will then have to decide whether to sell the other tickets," he said. It is a tenet of crowd control that supporters must be segregated. It was the lack of segregation in Brussels that led to the Liverpool supporters attacking rival spectators in an adjoining block.

Neuberger said: "We would rather sell no tickets at all if that means eliminating any trouble. In any case, there will be strict control over fans entering the stadium with police stationed at every entrance and searching for weapons and bottles."

The financial pressure on the Germans to sell tickets on the days of games will be considerable, because the organizers estimate that even in a country where football is so popular the grounds will be an average of only 70 per cent full.

It would be easy for supporters to travel to West Germany for the first major tournament in which England had been involved in Europe since 1982

Neuberger said he thought the supporters following England were "different" from those supporting clubs, a sentiment with which the inhabitants of Norway, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Spain would scarcely agree because of incidents involving England supporters in recent years.

When England last played in the final stages of the European Championship in 1980, their supporters attacked Belgian supporters in Turin. The Italian police intervened, firing tear gas. The game was interrupted when gas drifted over the pitch.

Preliminary talks not only on the European Championship but also on security for football matches in general will take place next month in London, when Willy Hennes, representing West Germany, will meet colleagues from other European nations.

History favours the foolproof English methods

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The date at the top of the page is all that supports the prospect of a Northern Ireland victory in tonight's European Championships tie in Belfast. So much of the evidence lies in favour of England that only a fool could foresee them failing to win the domestic argument.

While Billy Bingham was still deliberating over his depleted Irish squad, Bobby Robson was yesterday able to announce his line-up once fears about Shilton, whose high temperature fell overnight, had been dispelled. As expected, Mabbutt comes in for his club colleague, Hoddle, and Wright is recalled in place of Adams.

There are misgivings about Wright, whose international career has been littered with errors. Robson, who criticized his last performance against Yugoslavia four months ago, pointed out that since Southampton have publicly accepted Wright's request for a transfer, "he has something extra to play for. Now he is in the shop window".

Mabbutt appreciates that he cannot emulate the more gifted Hoddle. "There are only two people in the world who can do that," he said. "One of them is called Platini and the other is Maradona." But with Bryan Robson, he can offer the physical aggression that England might require.

Bobby Robson recalled that the World Cup qualifying tie here two years ago was a "scrap" when the ball flew in an arc high over midfield. Since the Irish have lost two target men, Clarke and Quinn, and two wings, Penny and Stewart, Robson does not envisage a similar pattern.

England will be keeping their own ideas on the ground, although their power in the air has been substantially increased by the inclusion of Wright and particularly of Mabbutt. In the absence of the dead-ball specialist, Hoddle, the team practised corners and free kicks yesterday. "Let's hope we win some," Bobby Robson commented.

He would be "very disappointed" to leave Belfast without the two points that would extend England's lead at the top of group four and all but assure them of a place in the finals next summer. "It is a crucial game for us because we must qualify for the two international tournaments."

The gap that divides the relative talent enclosed within the two teams is as wide as the Irish Sea. Apart from the injured Hoddle, Robson has otherwise selected exciting attackers and reliable defenders from the first divisions of England, Scotland and Spain. Bingham's material is, as usual, comparatively threadbare.

His goalkeeper, for instance, is likely to be a second choice winning his second cap. He will be faced by Lineker, the sharpest shooter in Mexico, who averages more than a goal every international, Waddle, described by Robson as "a matchwinner, somebody who can consistently open the door", and Bryan Robson, regaining his stature as a fearsome individual.

Not only have England claimed nine goals in their three games so far this season, but they have yet to concede one in the qualifying series. The Irish, in contrast, have yet to score one themselves and Bingham may be forced to leave Wilson on his own to represent their strike force.

England, unusually, even have stability on their side. An air of mutual confidence has settled across the camp during the last nine months. The laughs they share in training will tonight turn into a collective snarl.

In considering the possible outcome of a future event, the history book is perhaps the last place in which to find a relevant guide. Yet one statistic confirms that the odds on an Irish triumph are overwhelmingly heavy. They have not beaten England since 1927.

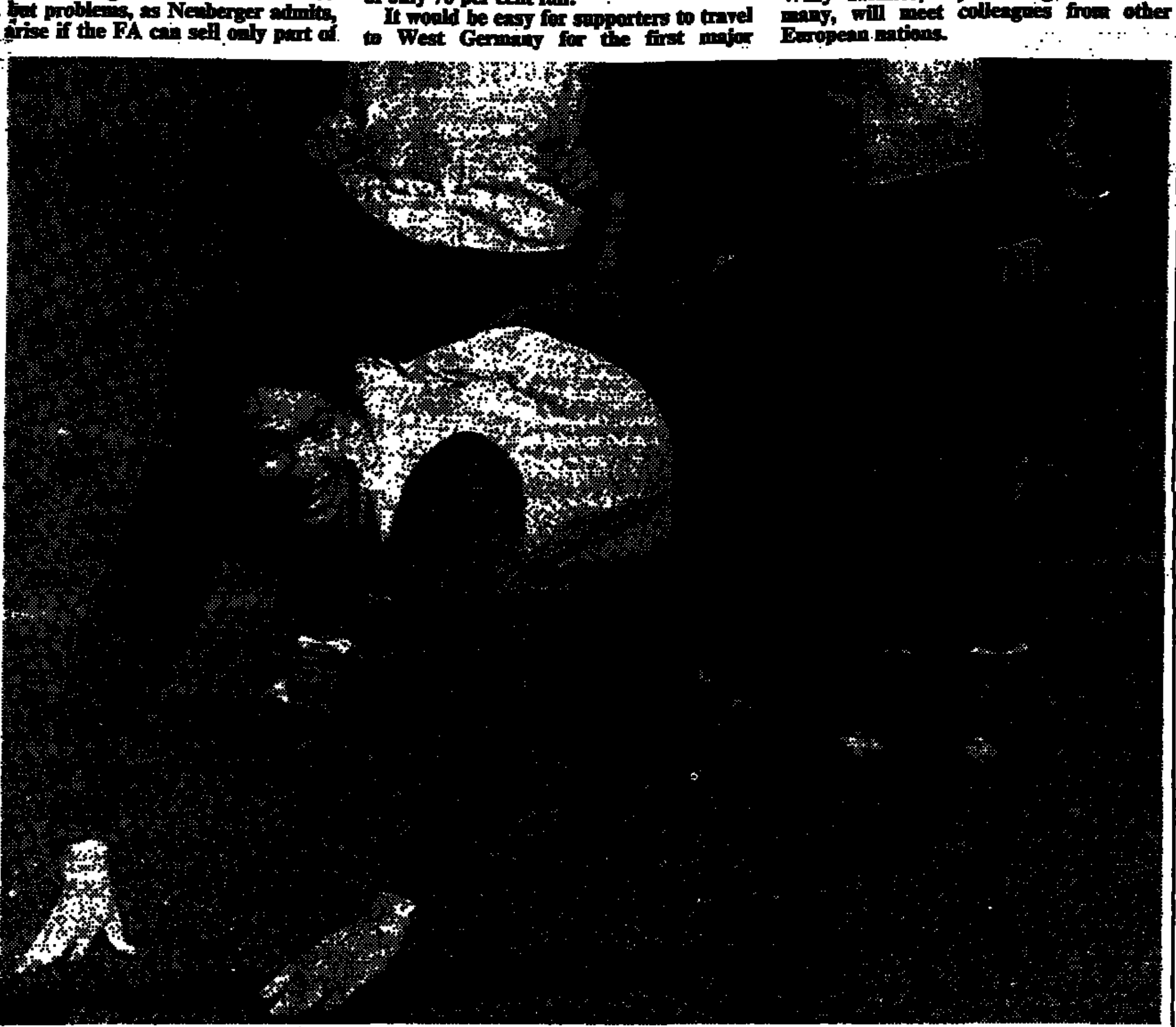
ENGLAND: P Shilton (Southampton), V Anderson (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), S Hodge (Tottenham Hotspur), M Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Rangers), B Robson (Manchester United, capt), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G Lineker (Barcelona), P Beardsley (Newcastle United). Substitutes: C Woods (Rangers), D Watson (Everton), T Steven (Everton), M Hateley (AC Milan), C Allen (Tottenham Hotspur).

NORTHERN IRELAND (from): G Dunlop (Linfield), J Platt (Coleraine), J Fleming (Nottingham Forest), C Nicholl (Rangers), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), J McClelland (Watford), J O'Neill (Leicester City), D Campbell (Notts County), M Donaghy (Luton Town), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), P Ramsey (Leicester City), D Wilson (Brighton), D McCreery (Newcastle United), B McNally (Shrewsbury Town), N Whiteside (Manchester United), K Wilson (Ipswich Town), R McCoy (Glentoran).

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
N Ireland	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Turkey	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 1: Northern Ireland v England; April 29: Turkey v England, Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia; October 14: England v Turkey, Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland; November 11: Yugoslavia v England, Northern Ireland v Turkey; December 16: Turkey v Yugoslavia.



Flying forward: Lineker in orbit for England for today's match against the Irish in Belfast (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Spain intend to cash in on Austria's decline

Vienna (Reuter) – Austria, still smarting from a crushing 4-0 defeat by Yugoslavia in a friendly last week, know that anything less than victory agsinst Spain tomorrow will mark the end of their European championship hopes.

Spain have won both their group one matches to date against Romania and Albania, and have made it clear they intend cashing in on Austria's apparent decline.

Miguel Munoz, the Spanish manager, was hiding his anxiety over the loss of his defensive lynchpin, Andoni Goikoetxea, and the midfield player, Rafael Gordillo, both of whom are injured, when he said: "You always want to win in football, and we want to leave Vienna as winners." Munoz is likely to draft in Atheltico Bilbao's promising 22-year-old defender, Genaro Andrinua, and the experienced Juan Senor.

The uncapped Andrinua broke into the Bilbao first team only this season and, though he usually plays sweeper, will probably assume the responsibility of marking the dangerous Toni Polster.

Wales put faith in Jones

By Clive White

Typically, Wales rely upon the little-known quality of a third division player today to preserve their belief that they can compete with Europe's best. Against Finland, at Wrexham, Andy Jones, of Port Vale, has been asked on his international debut to supply the finishing touch in the absence of Hughes and Charles.

Jones, who was playing part-time two seasons ago, will receive help from Ian Rush. Coincidentally, while playing for Rhyl in the Northern Premier League, he spent two seasons alongside Stefan Rush, the elder brother of Ian Rush.

Jones, aged 24, was also in the same schoolboy and under-18 sides as Mark Hughes, whom he replaces because of suspension. He has scored 46 League goals – 28 this season – in 70-odd games, a ratio of which Rush would be proud.

WALES: N Southall (Everton), C Blackmore (Manchester United), P Van den Hauwe (Everton), K Ratcliffe (Everton), K Jackett (Watford), D Phillips (Coventry), P Nicholas (Luton), R James (Queen's Park Rangers), G Hodges (Wimbledon), I Rush (Liverpool), A Jones (Port Vale). Substitutes: A Norman (Hull), G Williams (Derby), M Allen (Watford), D Williams (Norwich), M Aizlewood (Leeds).

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech'vakia	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Finland	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 1: Wales v Finland; April 29: Finland v Denmark, Wales v Czechoslovakia; June 3: Denmark v Czechoslovakia; September 9: Wales v Denmark, Finland v Czechoslovakia; October 14: Denmark v Wales; November 11: Czechoslovakia v Wales.

Roxburgh keeps Scotland's poor hand close to his chest

From Ian Ross, Brussels

The familiar spectre of unfulfilled promise will hang heavy over Scotland tonight. In this normally tranquil Anderlecht suburb, Andy Roxburgh, the national manager, attempts to steer his sadly depleted squad to victory over Belgium, a quickly maturing world force. If he can achieve that feat, he may keep alive Scotland's faint hopes of reaching the finals of the European Championship next year.

Defeat would almost certainly mean elimination as just one country from five in the fiercely contested group seven will be able to progress to West Germany. Having accumulated just four points from their opening four fixtures, Scotland, rather typically, now find that their most testing qualifying game is also their most important.

It is a fact which has obviously not been lost on Roxburgh who, with admirable Celtic cunning, has opted to engage in a psychological battle with Guy Thuys, his Belgian counterpart, on arrival at the Brussels headquarters yesterday.

After losing the services of Hansen, Miller, Cooper and Strachan, and thus seeing his original party reduced to 15 players, Roxburgh has kept his selection plans secret. "I feel perfectly entitled to name my team when I feel like it and not when people expect me to," he said.

Although the final pieces of his jigsaw puzzle will not be laid in place until shortly before the team coach pulls up at the Parc Astrid stadium, several likely options have surfaced. McInally, the well-travelled but youthful Dundee United player, seems likely to be awarded his first senior cap while Nevin, the Chelsea winger, can expect only a place on the substitutes' bench if, as expected, Roxburgh decides to base his side's strategy on central strength.

SCOTLAND (from): J Leighton (Aberdeen); A Goram (Oldham Athletic), C Money (St Mirren), S Clarke (Chelsea), M Malpas (Dundee United), R Gough (Tottenham Hotspur), A McLeish (Dundee United), D Narey (Dundee United), R Aitken (Celtic), J Bett (Aberdeen), J McInally (Dundee United), P McStay (Celtic), I Redford (Dundee United), B McClair (Celtic), A McCoist (Rangers), P Sturrock (Dundee United), P Nevin (Chelsea).

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	1	2	0	9	3	4
Scotland	4	1	2	1	3	1	4
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Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Luxembrg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 1: Bulgaria v Republic of Ireland, Belgium v Scotland; April 29: Republic of Ireland v Belgium; April 30: Luxemburg v Bulgaria; May 20: Bulgaria v Luxemburg; May 28: Luxemburg v Republic of Ireland; September 9: Republic of Ireland v Luxemburg; September 23: Bulgaria v Belgium; October 14: Scotland v Belgium, Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria; November 11: Belgium v Luxemburg, Bulgaria v Scotland; December 2: Luxemburg v Scotland.

"I think we will be looking to start this game with a little bit of midfield strength. Belgium are very good in that area," the manager said.

Narey, of Celtic and McLeish, of Dundee United, the central defenders, will both undergo morning fitness tests, but are confidently expected to play against a country who exceeded all expectations by finishing fourth in the World Cup last summer in Mexico.

Although the pressure is mounting on Roxburgh to prove wrong those critics who questioned his appointment as manager, he openly admits he still views every game with excitement. "I don't feel the pressure is any different before this game than it is before any other. Every match at international level has pressure, every game is a challenge," he said.

Despite the confidence-shattering defeat at the hands of the Republic of Ireland at Hampden Park, Roxburgh is confident his men will turn up a suitably defiant performance tonight. "Our spirits are high and the mood within the squad is good. While I cannot totally obliterate the last result from my mind, I can try and put it into context. Set-backs can often launch people off onto better things," he said.

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Pittodrie clash moved forward

Aberdeen and Manchester United will meet at Pittodrie on Tuesday as part of the deal which saw Gordon Strachan transferred to Old Trafford for £700,000 two years ago. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday, but brought forward because Dundee United play Borussia Mönchengladbach in a UEFA Cup semi-final first leg at Tannadice.

● Hamilton Academicals, the Scottish premier division club, have beaten the midnight transfer deadline and spent around £60,000 in signing two players – Mark Caughey, the Northern Ireland World Cup forward, from Hibernian, and Brian Martin, the Falkirk defender.

Almao to Atletico

Ricardo del Brito, 'Almao', Brazil's World Cup midfielder, signed a four-year contract with Atletico Madrid yesterday but said he was not ready to play in the vital Spanish League first division encounter with Barcelona on Sunday.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Scottish venue

Strathclyde Country Park, the venue for the rowing events in last year's Commonwealth Games, will host an international regatta on May 16 and 17.

New drive

The Duke of Edinburgh will drive a team of ponies in the Harrods international driving grand prix at Royal Windsor horse show in May. It will be the first time that he has driven ponies, rather than a horse team, in the event.

Young hopes

Alison Fisher, of Essex, and Caroline Gay, of Leicester, head England's women's team for the under-23 triangular badminton international against Denmark and Sweden on April 9 and 10. Matthew Smith, of Hampshire, is England's main men's singles hope.

Marsh: stern warning

City leaders

Kevin Sheedy of Everton, and Ian Rush and Mark Lawrenson of Liverpool are among the six footballers nominated for the Players's Player Award as Merseyside strive to win the trophy for the fifth successive year. The winner will be announced at the Professional footballers' Association Awards Dinner in London on Sunday.

Drugs claim

Rodney Marsh, the former Australian Test wicketkeeper, said yesterday that he had once caught two Australian cricketers smoking cannabis. Marsh was speaking on commercial radio but declined to name the players or say when the incident occurred. His revelation came almost two weeks after Qasim Omar, the Pakistan Test player, claimed that he knew the identity of a well-known Test player who supplied drugs to international cricketers.

Marsh said he had told the two players: "If ever I see that again, you are going to have a real problem on your hands."

Bristol move

Bristol Rovers' home game with Swindon on April 11 will now be played on Bristol City's ground at Ashton Gate. The Football League and Swindon have agreed to the switch because of crowd problems on Rovers' new home at Bath

Clough is puzzled over Wilkinson

By Chris Moore

Brian Clough admitted to being in the dark last night about why his new £275,000 forward, Paul Wilkinson, was apparently in bed at his parents' home in Grimsby yesterday instead of being with the Nottingham Forest side in Malta.

"I am still waiting for an explanation and will be expecting one when he returns here for training," said Clough, who has stayed behind in Nottingham.

Wilkinson met up with the other Forest players at Gatwick Airport on Sunday complaining of a headache and feeling unwell less than 24 hours after making his Forest debut at Old Trafford following last week's transfer from Everton.

But he did not board the plane and was later found in a near collapsed state outside the airport terminal. He spent the night in a Sussex hospital and was taken to his parents' home in Grimsby the following day.

Yesterday, his mother said he was in bed not feeling well and suffering from concussion.

Clough added: "His only complaint to me after the game was that he had a sore Achilles. It now seems as if he is complaining about being concussed."

Meanwhile, Clough has rewarded his goalkeeper, Steve Sutton, with a new three-year contract. "There is no reason why he should not come into international reckoning in time for the next World Cup," Clough said.

"Shilton, Clemence and Parkes are all close to drawing their old age pensions and his other rival (Chris Woods) used to be here but is now working in the Outer Hebrides. So Steve should recognize what he has to do to get in the England team."

Mystery visit by officials of India

By Andrew Longmore

The purpose of a visit to London by two Indian cricket officials closely involved with the organization of the World Cup was surrounded in mystery last night.

According to Mr A W Kanmadikar, co-ordinator of the World Cup, the two officials, Mr N K Salve, the chairman of the World Cup organizing committee, and Mr S Sriraman, president of the Indian Cricket Board, flew to London for talks with the Test and County Cricket Board about the South African connections of several members of the England team.

But Peter Lush, the manager of England's recent tour to Australia, said that he had no knowledge of any talks nor of their whereabouts. Speaking in Sharjah, where England play the first match of a four nations tournament against India tomorrow, Mr Kanmadikar claimed that the officials were not in England under instructions from the Indian Government, although Mr Salve is a Government minister. He added that he was confident that the problem of South Africa would be resolved before the start of the World Cup next October.

"No one can say that players with South African connections will all be included or excluded wholesale," Mr Kanmadikar said. "We will examine each case individually. The problems will only arise when the team for the World Cup has been selected."

If that is a thinly veiled threat to England's cricket authorities not to choose anyone still on the "black-list" of players who have been to South Africa, then the warning is unlikely to meet with much co-operation from the TCCB. "Our position has always been clear," Lush said. "We will not accept any interference with the selection of our side." Lush also pointed out there had been no political problems concerning South Africa about the current team's visit to Sharjah.

The World Cup organizing committee and Indian Cricket Board representatives are due in London for a special ICC meeting on April 30 to discuss a West Indies proposal that anyone who plays or coaches in South Africa should be banned from international cricket.

The players likely to be at the centre of discussions are Graham Gooch, John Emburey, Allan Lamb, Chris Broad, Bill Athey, David Capel, Graham Dilley, Rob Bailey and Tim Robinson, all of whom are believed to be on the "black-list" compiled by SANROC.

Mr Kanmadikar confirmed in Sharjah yesterday that some England players are "on the borderline," but the most likely cases are Broad, who captained Griqualand West last winter, and Dilley, who played for Natal in that same season.

The England selectors have to announce a squad of 20 names for the World Cup before August 1. If nothing has been resolved before then, the current rumblings about South Africa could inevitably turn into a mighty roar which threatened England's participation in the World Cup.

Brown gets stamp of approval

From Ivo Tennant, Sharjah

Laurie Brown, England's physiotherapist on their trip to Sharjah, was detained at Dubai Airport for three and a half hours yesterday morning because he had an Israeli stamp in his passport. A new passport had to be issued by the British Embassy before he could enter the United Arab Emirates.

Brown, aged 45, was not aware that an Israeli stamp would cause problems. His passport was stamped in 1982 when, as Manchester United's physiotherapist, he went to Tel Aviv for a match.

"I had to wait for the embassy to open to enable them to get me a new passport, but the people at the airport were pleasant to me and I was treated courteously," he said.

"Maybe I was a bit silly in not realizing there might be a problem. All the talk in England was of players who had South African connections."

Snow steps in

John Snow, the former England and Sussex fast bowler will coach the county until the start of the season, beginning at the Hove county ground today when pre-season training starts. "We are advertising for a full-time coach, but have appointed Snow for April," Richard Renold, the Sussex secretary said.